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**LEGION  
OF SUPER-HEROES**

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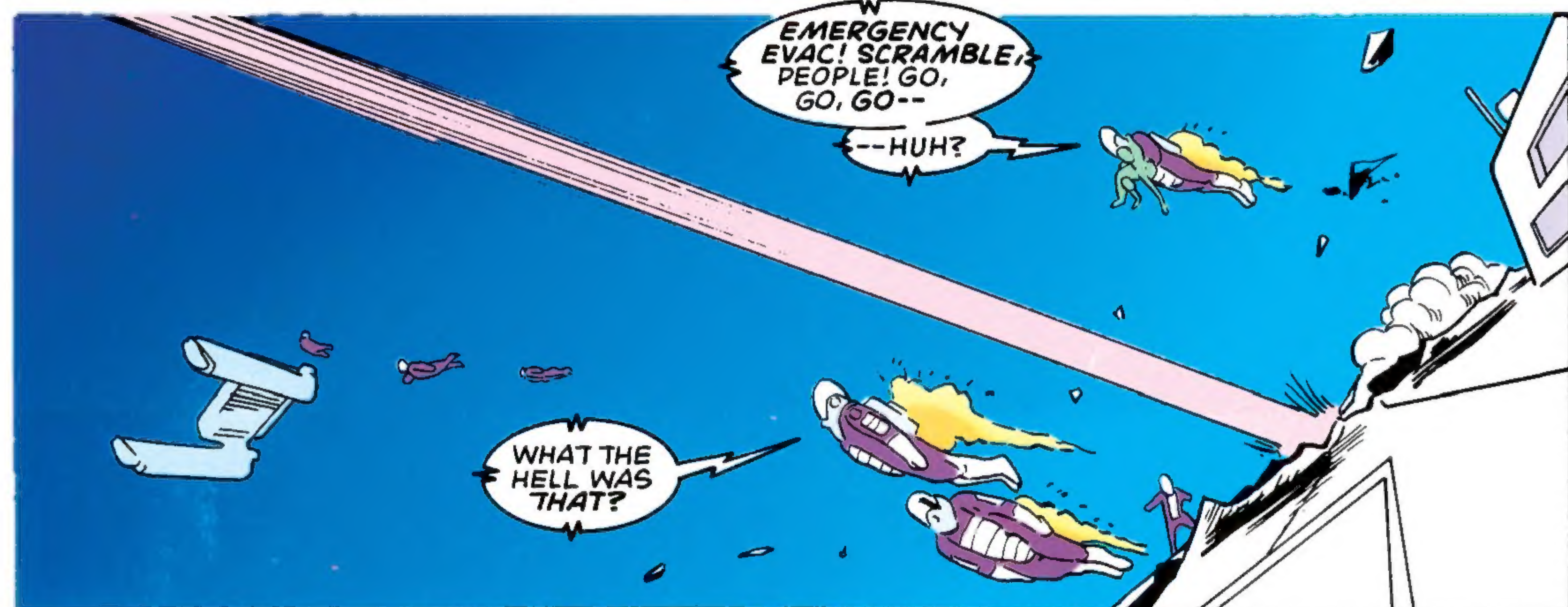
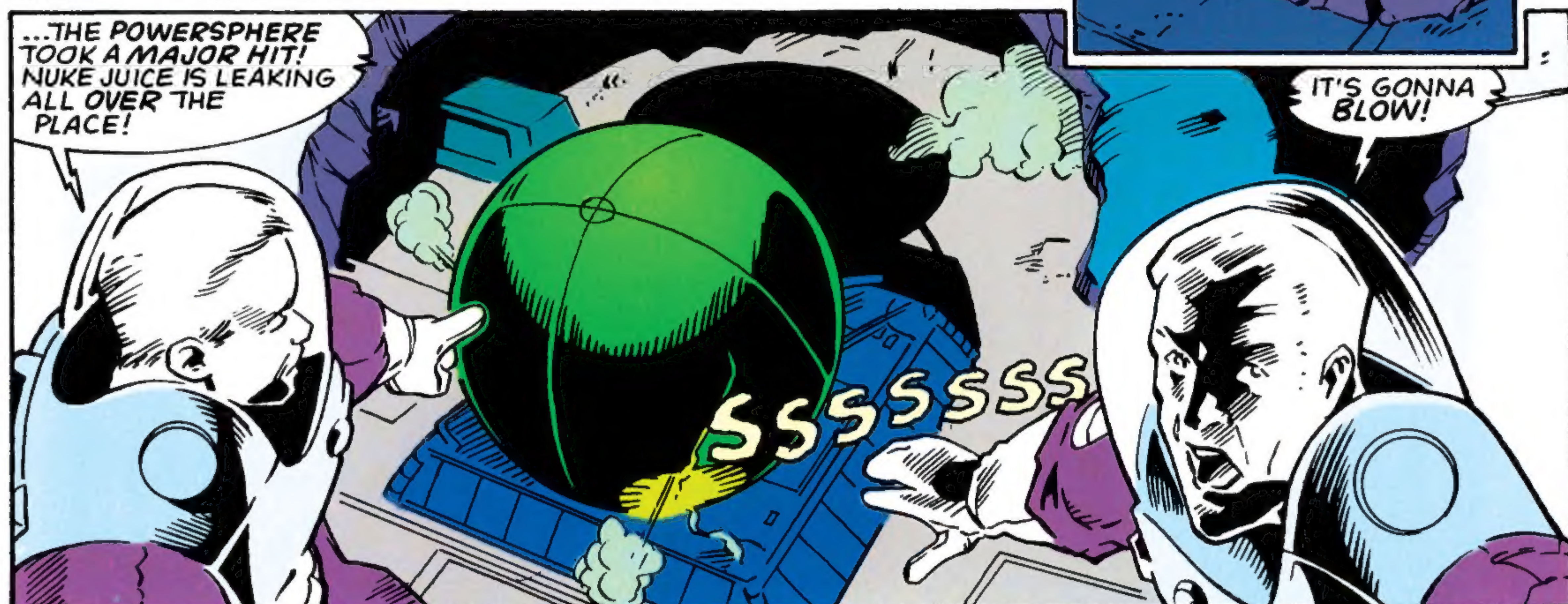
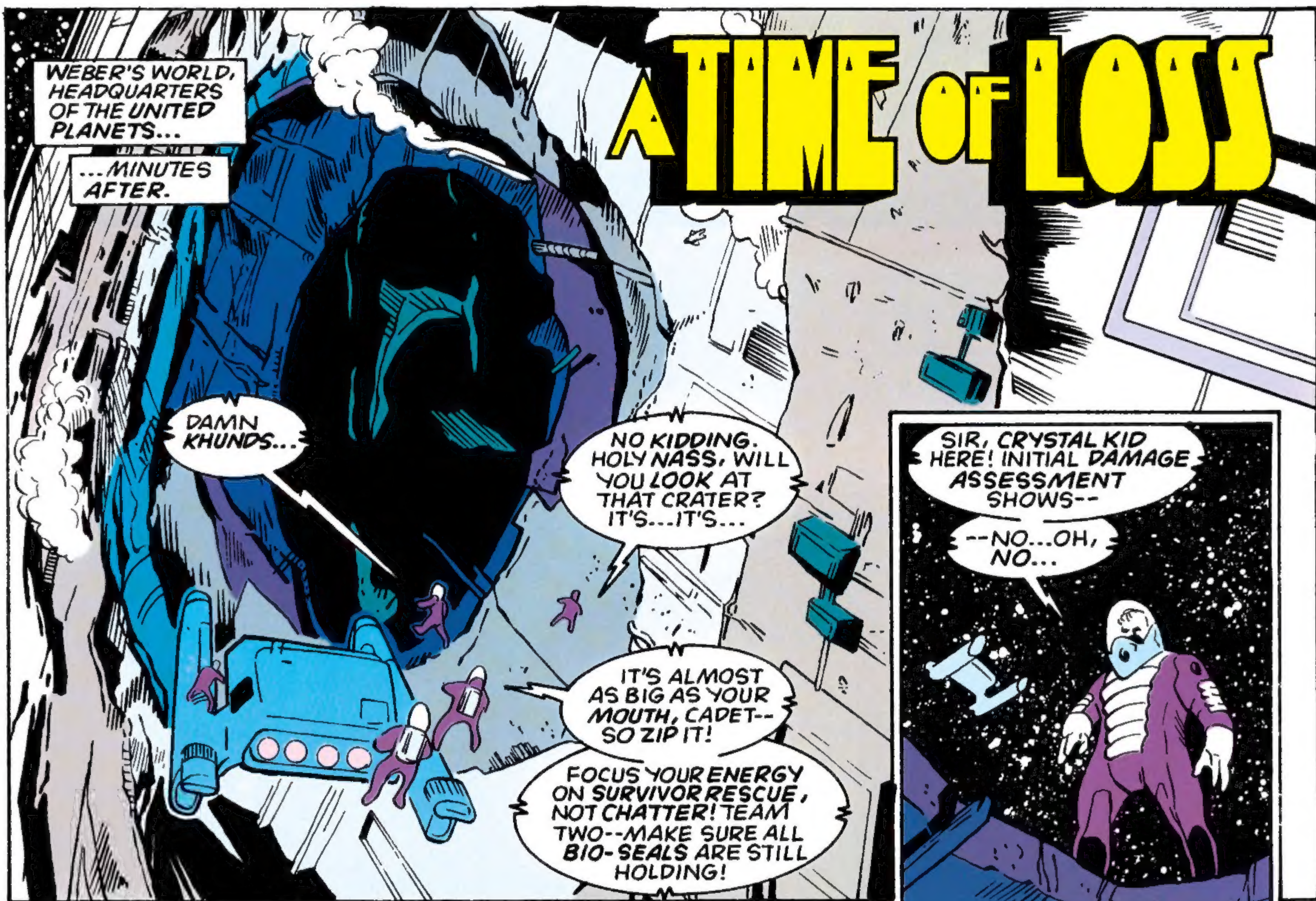
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# EARTH FALL!

MCCRAW  
WAID  
IMMONEN  
BOYD

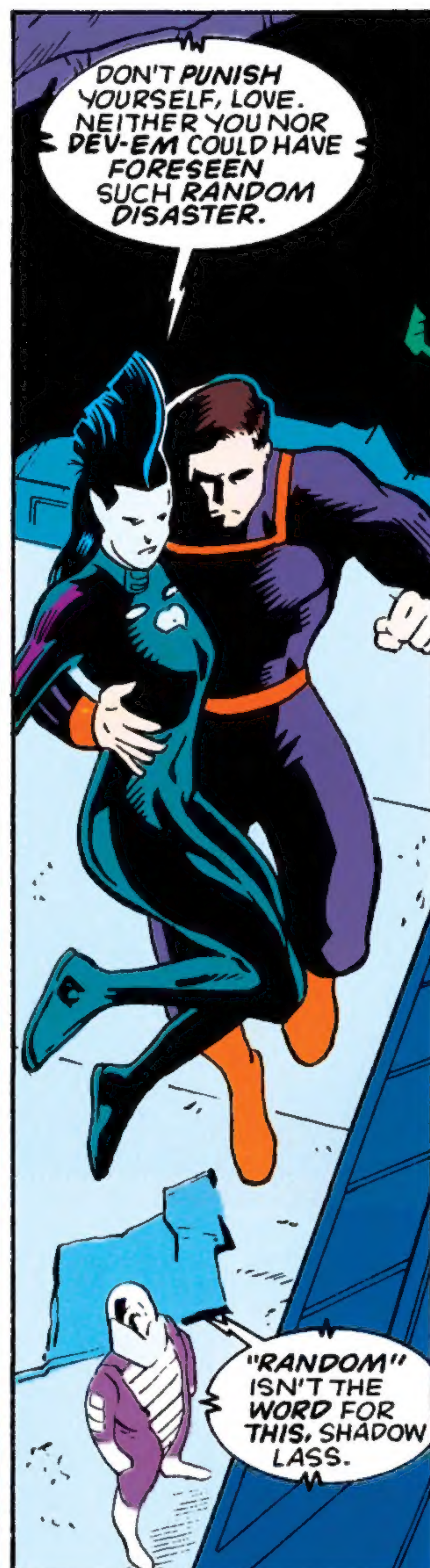
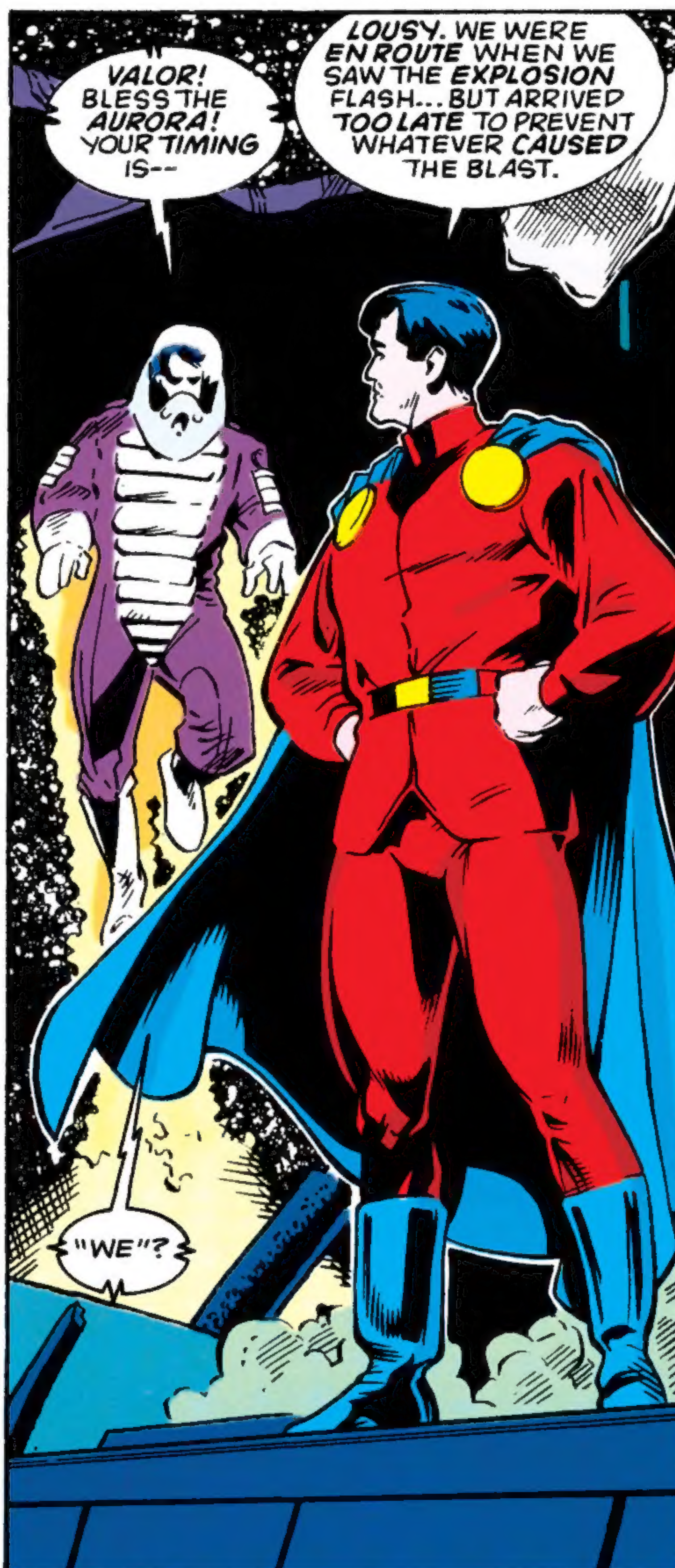








WHATEVER IT WAS--  
--IT JUST LOBBED THE POWERSPHERE STAR-HIGH IN THE NICK OF TIME--  
--AND SAVED OUR SORRY BUTTS! COULD IT BE...?









"THIS PLANET WAS RIDDLED WITH KHUND BOMBS! IT MUST HAVE TAKEN ALL OF LAUREL'S SUPER-SENSES TO DETECT THE SECONDARY EXPLOSIVES--

"--AND GATHER THEM SAFELY, AND IN TIME!

"MEANWHILE, VI... POOR VI... HAD TO DISARM THE PRIMARY BOMB AT THE PLANET'S CORE! SHE WORKED ALL ALONE-- AND WHY?"

GIVE IT UP, CHAMELEON CHIEF! YOU'RE A LOSER-- AND YOU ALWAYS HAVE BEEN!

YEAH? THINGS CHANGE...

"BECAUSE WE WERE WASTING OUR TIME ON THE KHUNDS' SHIP!"

POOR VEIL MIST. SHE REALLY DID WANT TO HELP.

STOP SQUIRMING, JEWEL. MY FORCE-FIELD WILL PROTECT US.

ONLY BECAUSE YOU SHIFTED IT AWAY FROM GAS GIRL! NOW SHE'S LOOSE!

LET'S GO! WE'VE GOT TO FINISH THESE KHUNDS UP FAST! LAUREL AND VI NEED US!



FIRE FIST! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

GET OFF HIM, YOU BEAST! YOU'RE KILLING HIM!

GRAWLL

TZT TZT TZT

YOU'LL PROBABLY WANT TO HELP TIMBER WOLF NOW THAT I'VE REMOVED THE MIND DAMPENER FROM YOUR NECK.

OOOHH...

SUCK CHLORINE, TRAITOR!

GUH-KOFF GAS GIRL... KOFF

I'VE GOT 'ER, FLEDERWEB!

HEY, DRAGON! READY FOR THE SQUEEZE PLAY?

SQUEEZE--?

THWAK

FOOOOM

UNNGH!

AH. I GET IT.





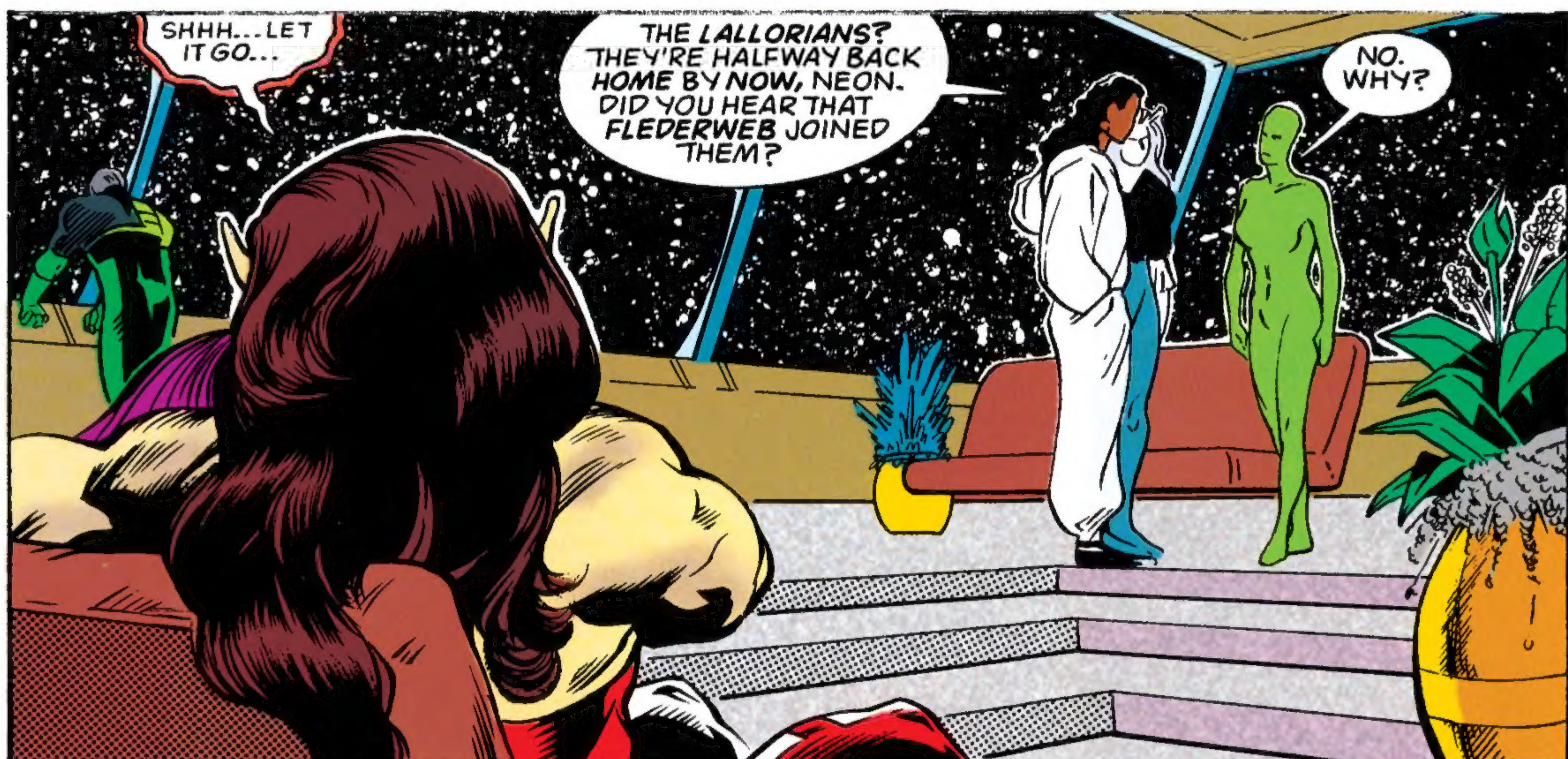




"TROUBLE"...

...IF ONLY  
WE'D KNOWN  
JUST HOW  
MUCH...

...IF WE...  
IF...



SHHH...LET  
IT GO...

THE LALLORIANS?  
THEY'RE HALFWAY BACK  
HOME BY NOW, NEON.  
DID YOU HEAR THAT  
FLADERWEB JOINED  
THEM?

NO.  
WHY?



THEY'VE VOWED TO HELP KING JON  
AND THE U.P. MILITIA FORCE  
THE KHUNDS BACK TO THEIR  
ORIGINAL SPACE-SECTOR.



THEY WANT TO MAKE UP  
FOR THE DESTRUCTION THEY  
UNWITTINGLY CAUSED  
WHILE UNDER KHUND  
CONTROL.

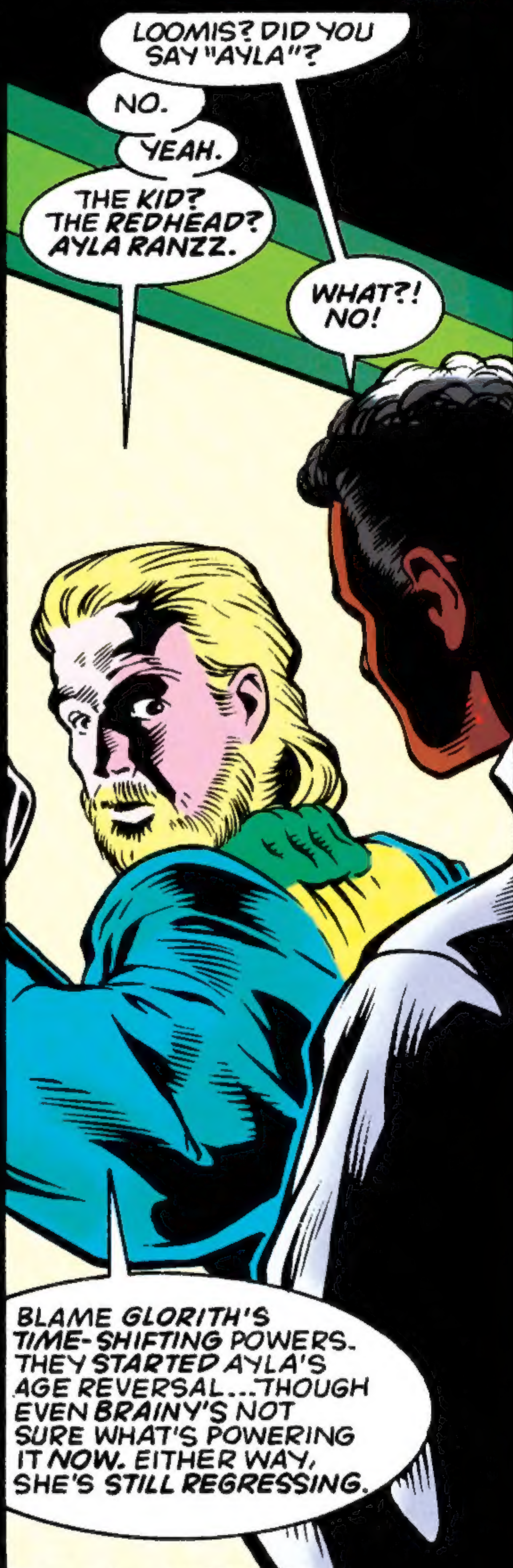
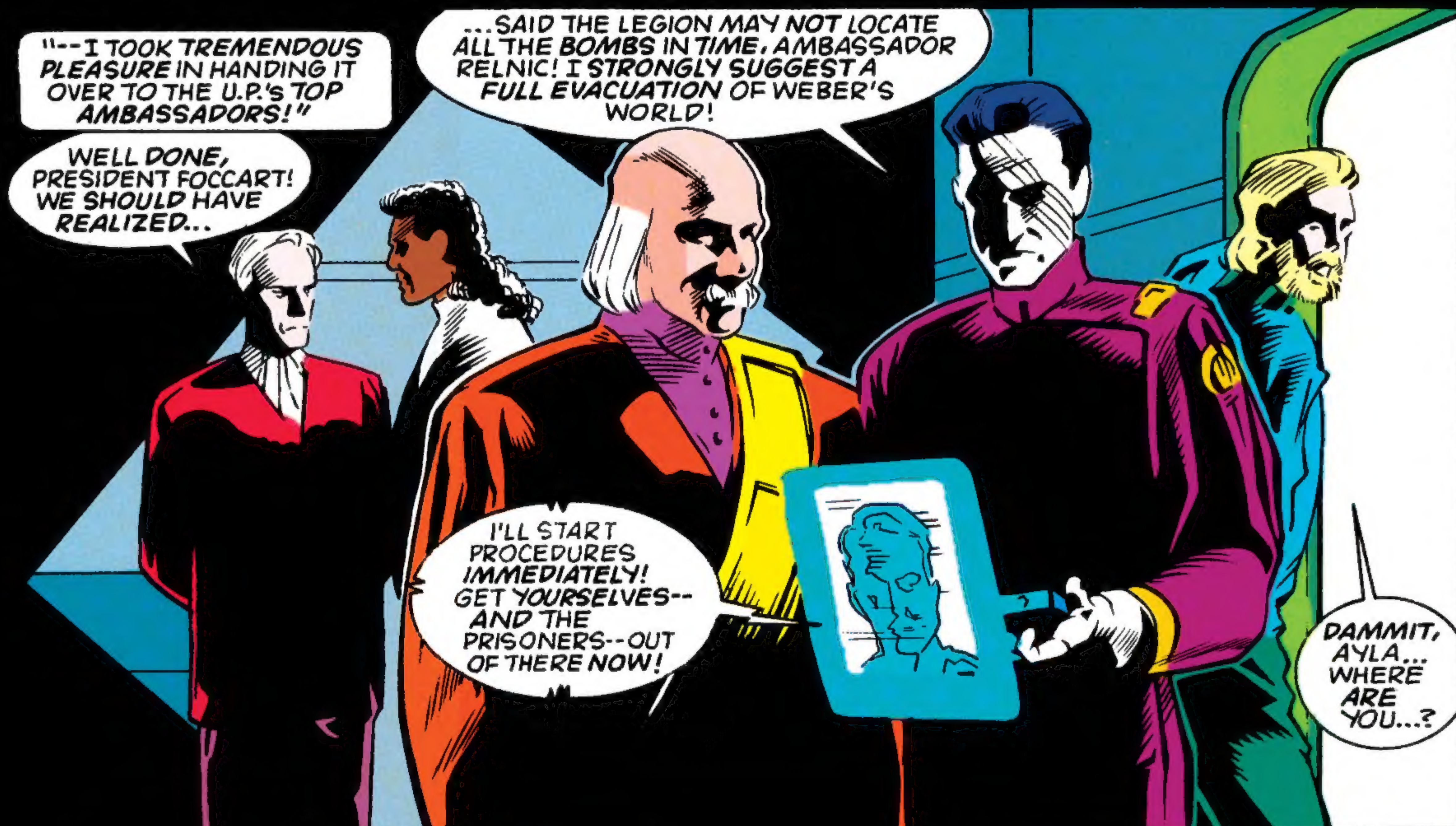
WITH THAT UNDER WAY--  
AND WITH UNIVERSO IN  
CUSTODY ON TAKRON-  
GALTOS-- I'D SAY THE  
LEGION'S REBEL DAYS  
ARE FINALLY OVER!

UNIVERSO?

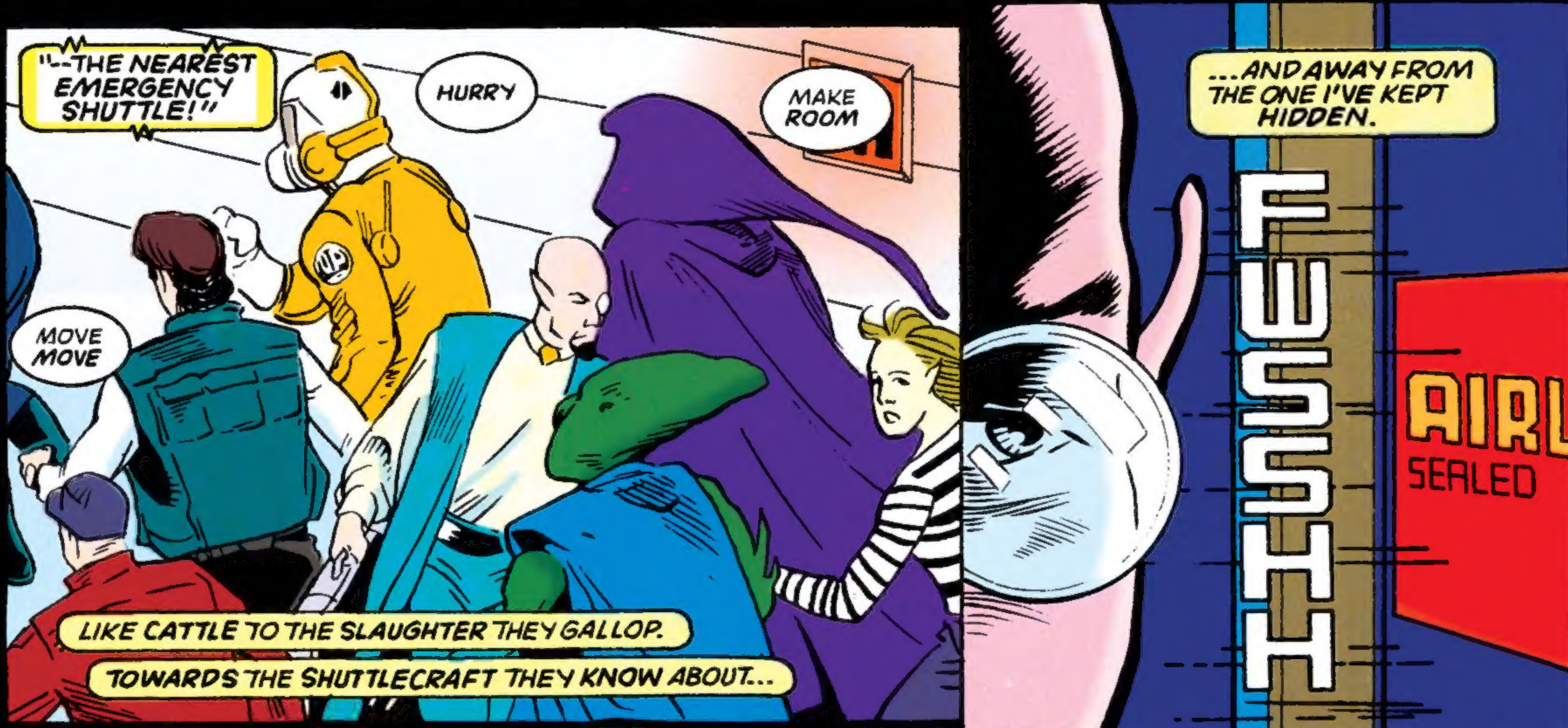
YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T  
HEARD? HE WAS WORKING FOR  
THE KHUNDS AND--TRUE TO FORM--  
MASTERMINDED THE PLOT TO  
DISCREDIT THE LEGION!

IT TOOK ME FOREVER  
TO AMASS ENOUGH  
EVIDENCE TO IMPLICATE  
HIM, BUT ONCE I DID--









"--THE NEAREST  
EMERGENCY  
SHUTTLE!"

HURRY

MAKE  
ROOM

MOVE  
MOVE

...AND AWAY FROM  
THE ONE I'VE KEPT  
HIDDEN.

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AIR  
SEALED

LIKE CATTLE TO THE SLAUGHTER THEY GALLOP.

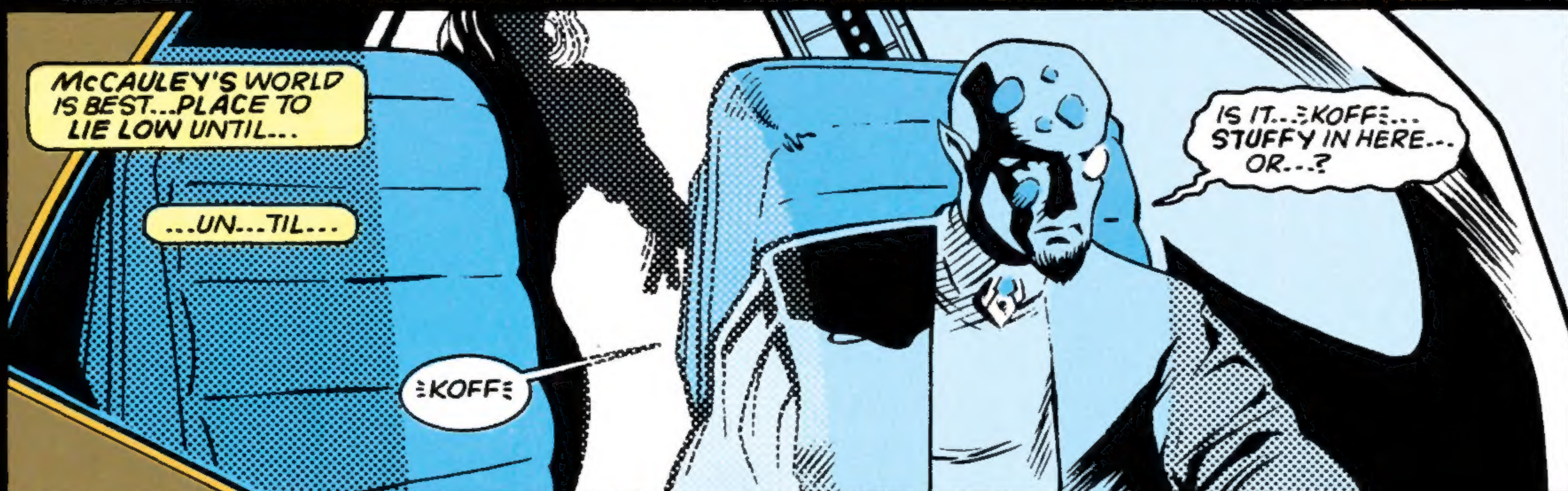
TOWARDS THE SHUTTLECRAFT THEY KNOW ABOUT...



O-LOK

THANKS TO ALL THE SUDDEN  
CONFUSION, BY THE TIME  
MY ABSENCE IS NOTED,  
I'LL BE LONG GONE!

CHOICES, CHOICES.  
WHAT COURSE TO  
SET...?

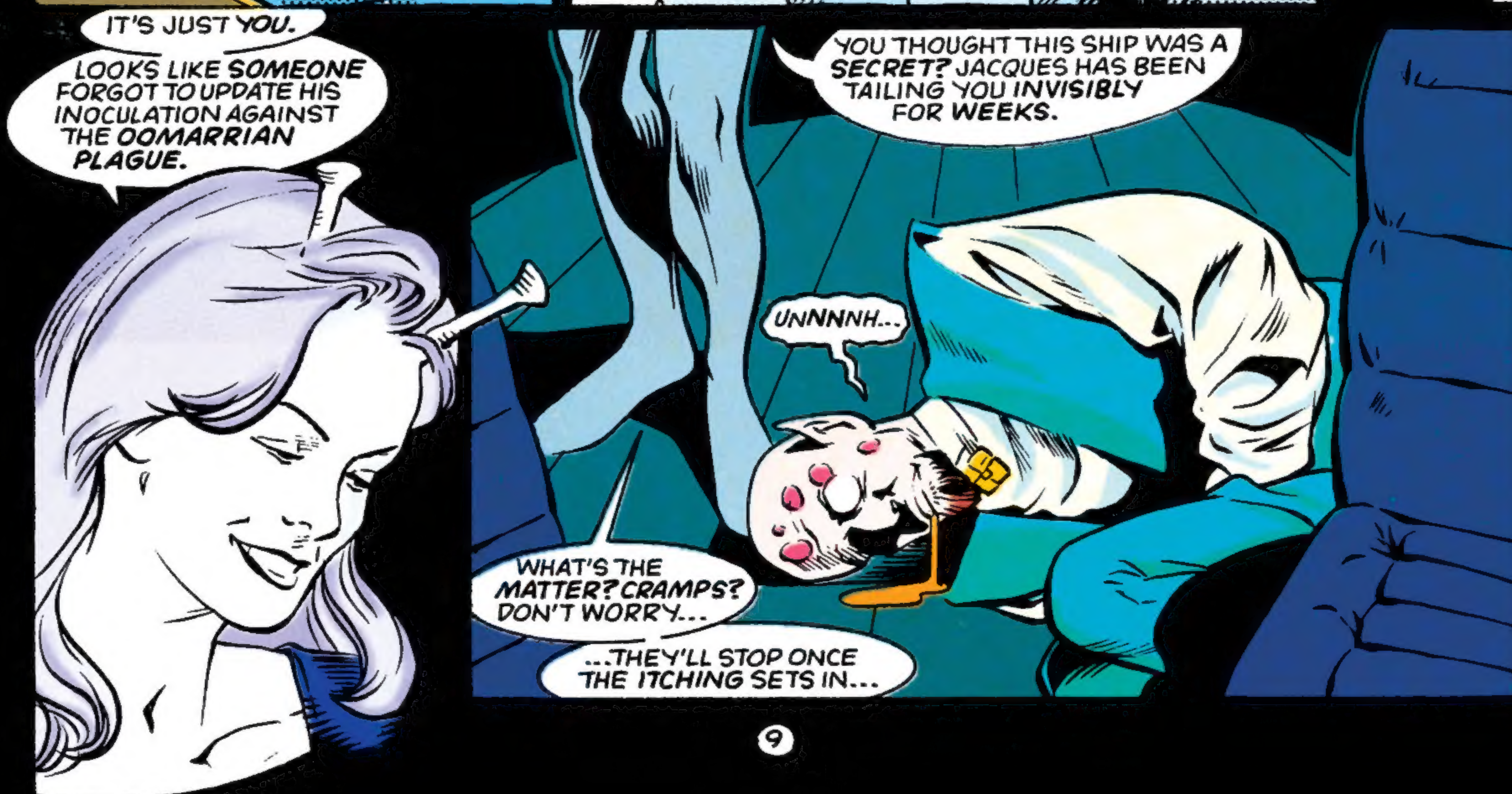


McCAULEY'S WORLD  
IS BEST... PLACE TO  
LIE LOW UNTIL...

...UN...TIL...

≡KOFF≡

IS IT...≡KOFF≡...  
STUFFY IN HERE...  
OR...?



IT'S JUST YOU.

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE  
FORGOT TO UPDATE HIS  
INOCULATION AGAINST  
THE OOMARRIAN  
PLAGUE.

YOU THOUGHT THIS SHIP WAS A  
SECRET? JACQUES HAS BEEN  
TAILING YOU INVISIBLY  
FOR WEEKS.

UNNNH...

WHAT'S THE  
MATTER? CRAMPS?  
DON'T WORRY...

...THEY'LL STOP ONCE  
THE ITCHING SETS IN...

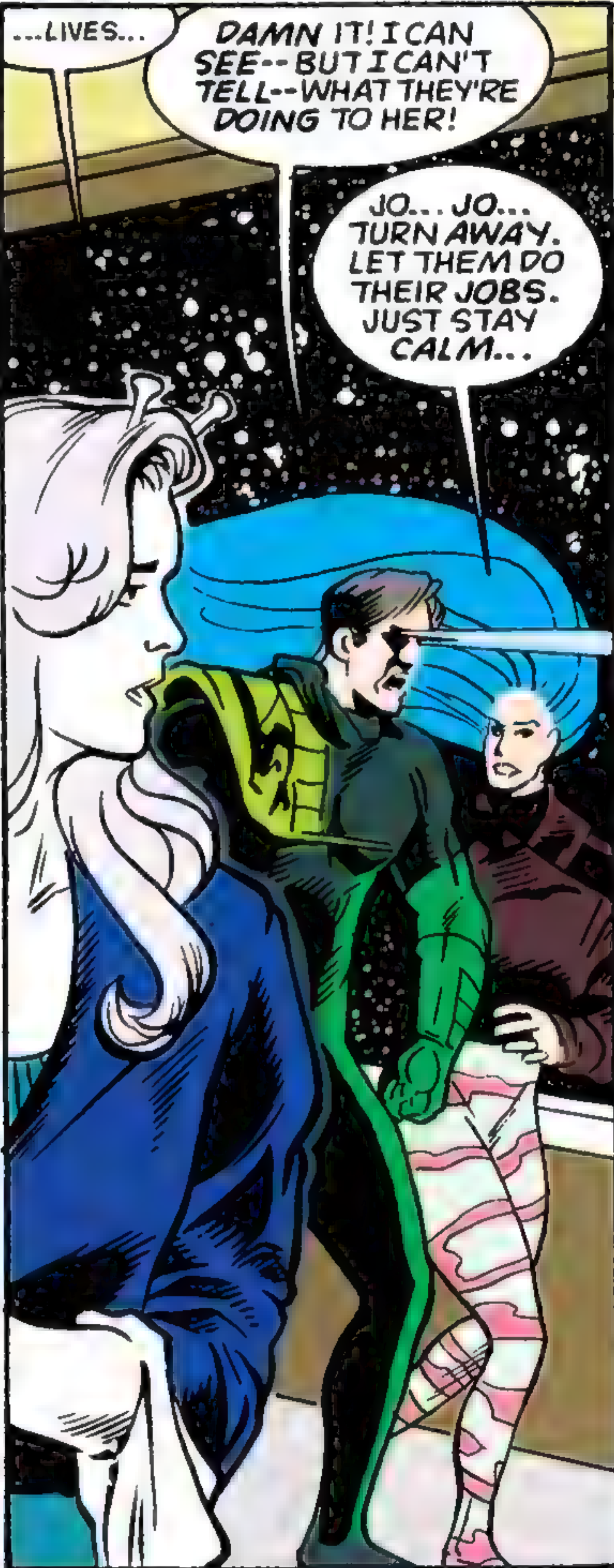




...AND THAT WAS  
UNIVERSO'S LAST GASP.  
JACQUES' COMMUNIQUE  
PUT ME ON HIS TAIL...  
AND NEXT THING HE KNEW,  
HE WAS IN THE HANDS OF  
THE TAKRON-GALTOS  
PRISON MEDS.

AND THEY'RE  
NOT SHY ABOUT  
WHERE THEY POKE  
AND PROD.

GOOD RIDDANCE.  
NOW WE CAN ALL  
GET ON WITH  
OUR...



...LIVES...

DAMN IT! I CAN  
SEE-- BUT I CAN'T  
TELL-- WHAT THEY'RE  
DOING TO HER!

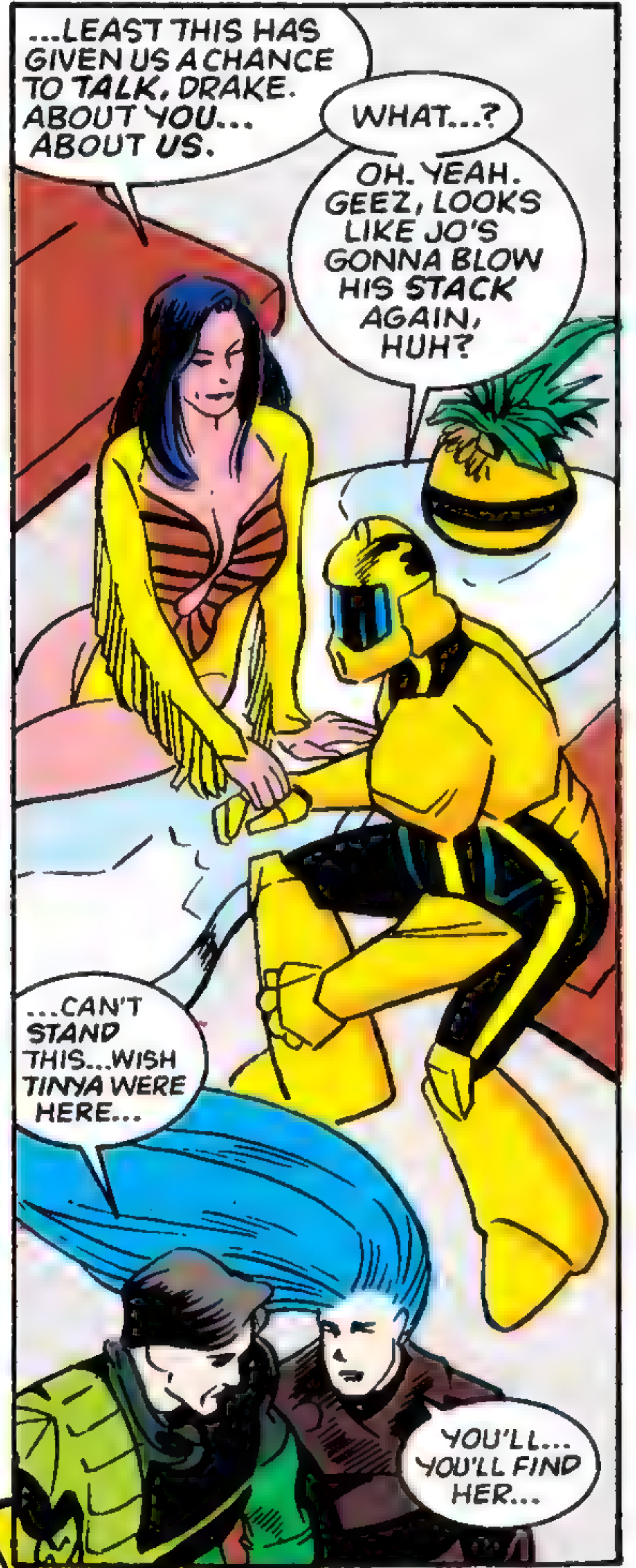
JO... JO...  
TURN AWAY.  
LET THEM DO  
THEIR JOBS.  
JUST STAY  
CALM...



...FOR EVERY-  
ONE'S SAKE...

MY LOVE...  
YOU CANNOT  
TORTURE  
YOURSELF...

WATCH  
ME.



...LEAST THIS HAS  
GIVEN US A CHANCE  
TO TALK, DRAKE.  
ABOUT YOU...  
ABOUT US.

WHAT...?

OH. YEAH.  
GEEZ, LOOKS  
LIKE JO'S  
GONNA BLOW  
HIS STACK  
AGAIN,  
HUH?

...CAN'T  
STAND  
THIS... WISH  
TINYA WERE  
HERE...

YOU'LL...  
YOU'LL FIND  
HER...



I HAVEN'T CHANGED  
MUCH, YOU KNOW. I  
CAN STILL TRACK  
ANYTHING.

EXCEPT, PERHAPS,  
THE THREAD OF THIS  
CONVERSATION.

DRAKE... WHY  
MUST YOU  
CHANGE THE  
SUBJECT?

BECAUSE...  
'CAUSE I THINK  
YOU'RE COUNTING  
ON TOO MUCH  
FROM OUR  
PAST.

DAWNY, I HAVE  
CHANGED. I... AIN'T  
THE MAN I ONCE  
WAS...



COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING.  
I SEE WILDFIRE IS THE SAME  
TENDER, SENSITIVE LUNK-  
HEAD AS EVER.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT.  
SHE'S THE ONE WHO  
FOUND THE BOD--

--FOUND  
HER.

INDEED. AND  
JUST WHEN PAWNSTAR  
MOST NEEDS THE  
COMFORT OF OTHERS.

SHE AND  
CELESTE  
BOTH.

"IN THE NEAR VACUUM OF THE BLAST SITE,  
IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE THAT YOU AND MY  
HUSBAND COULDN'T HEAR ANY HEARTBEAT.

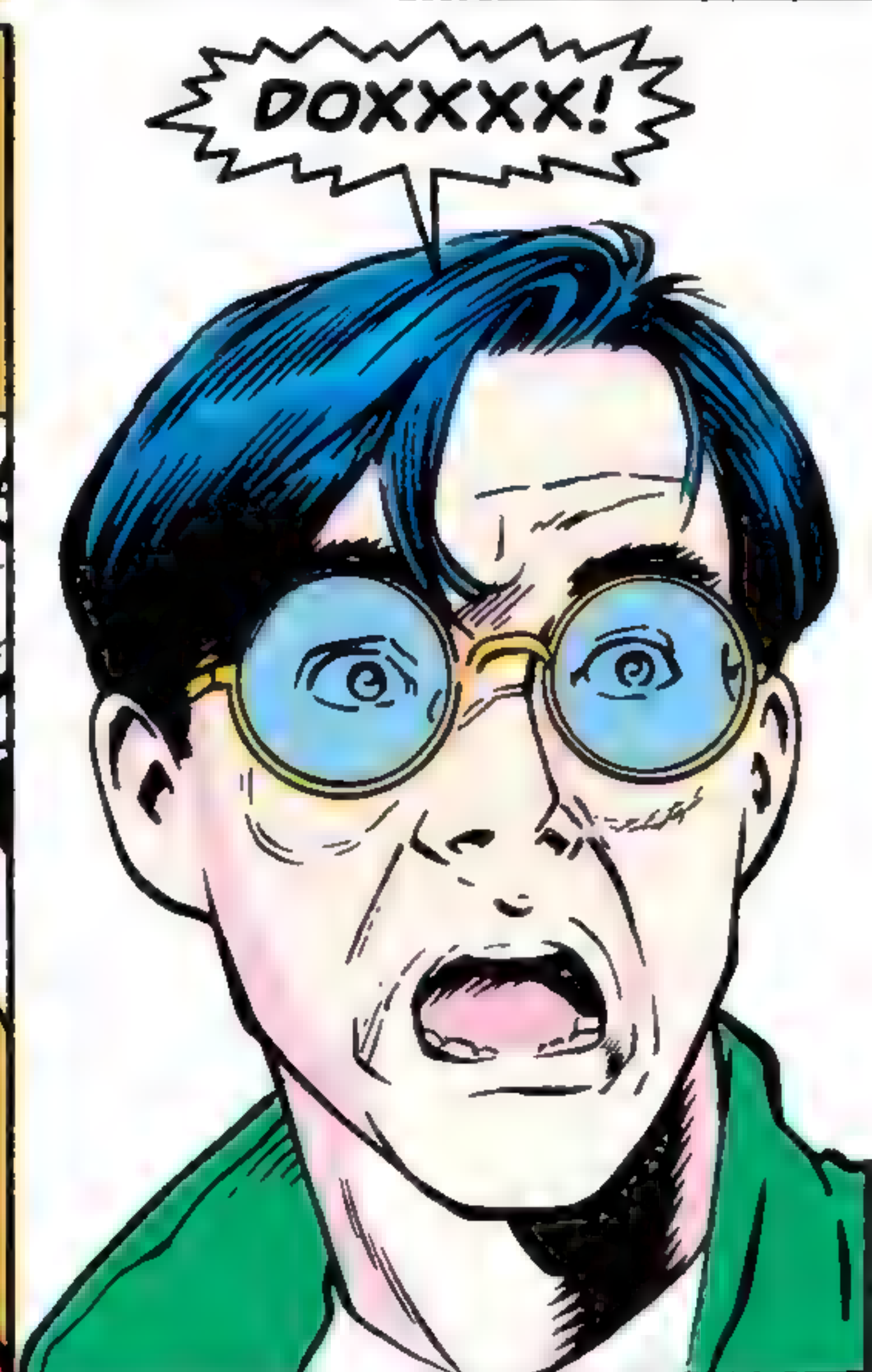
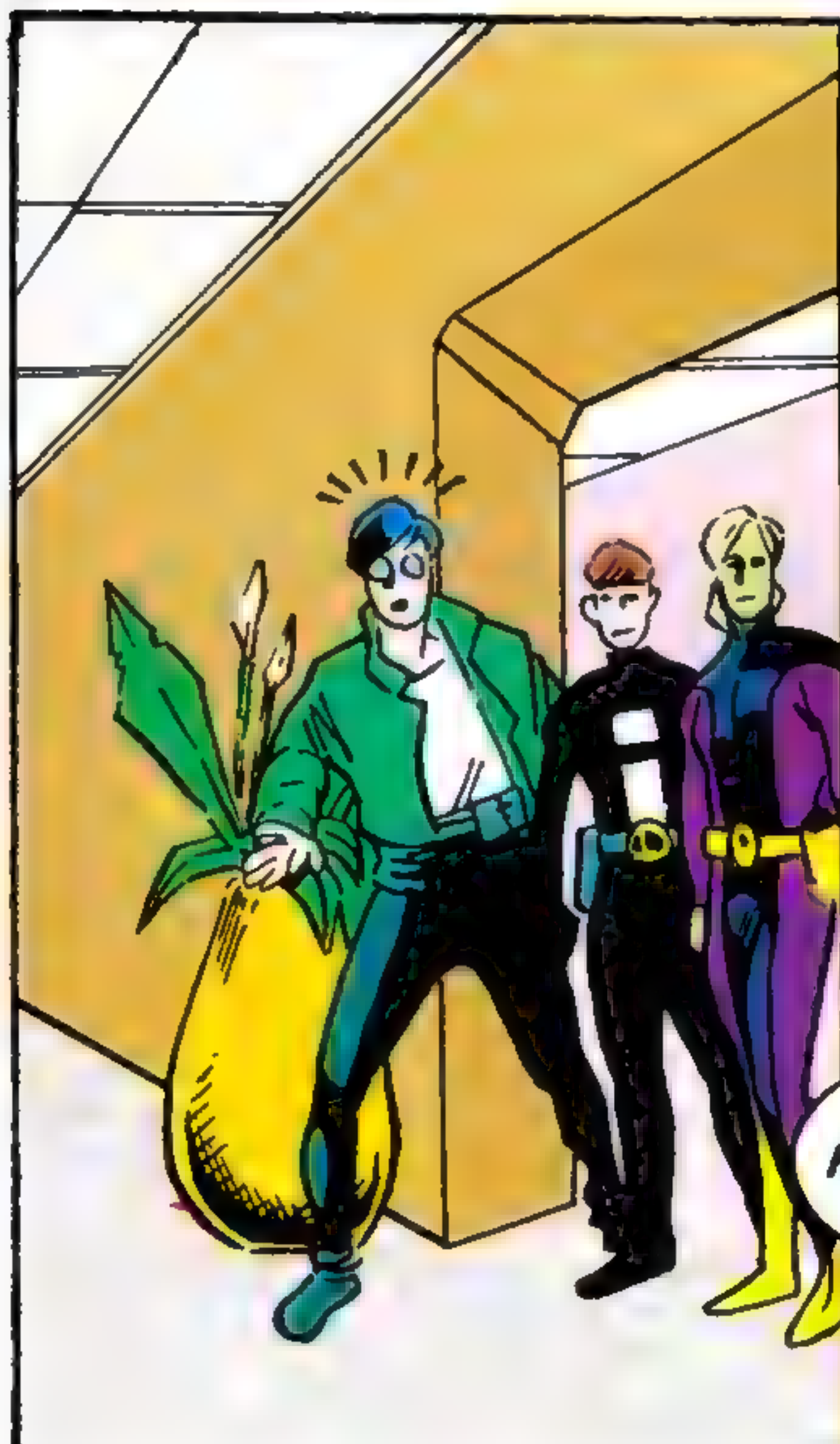
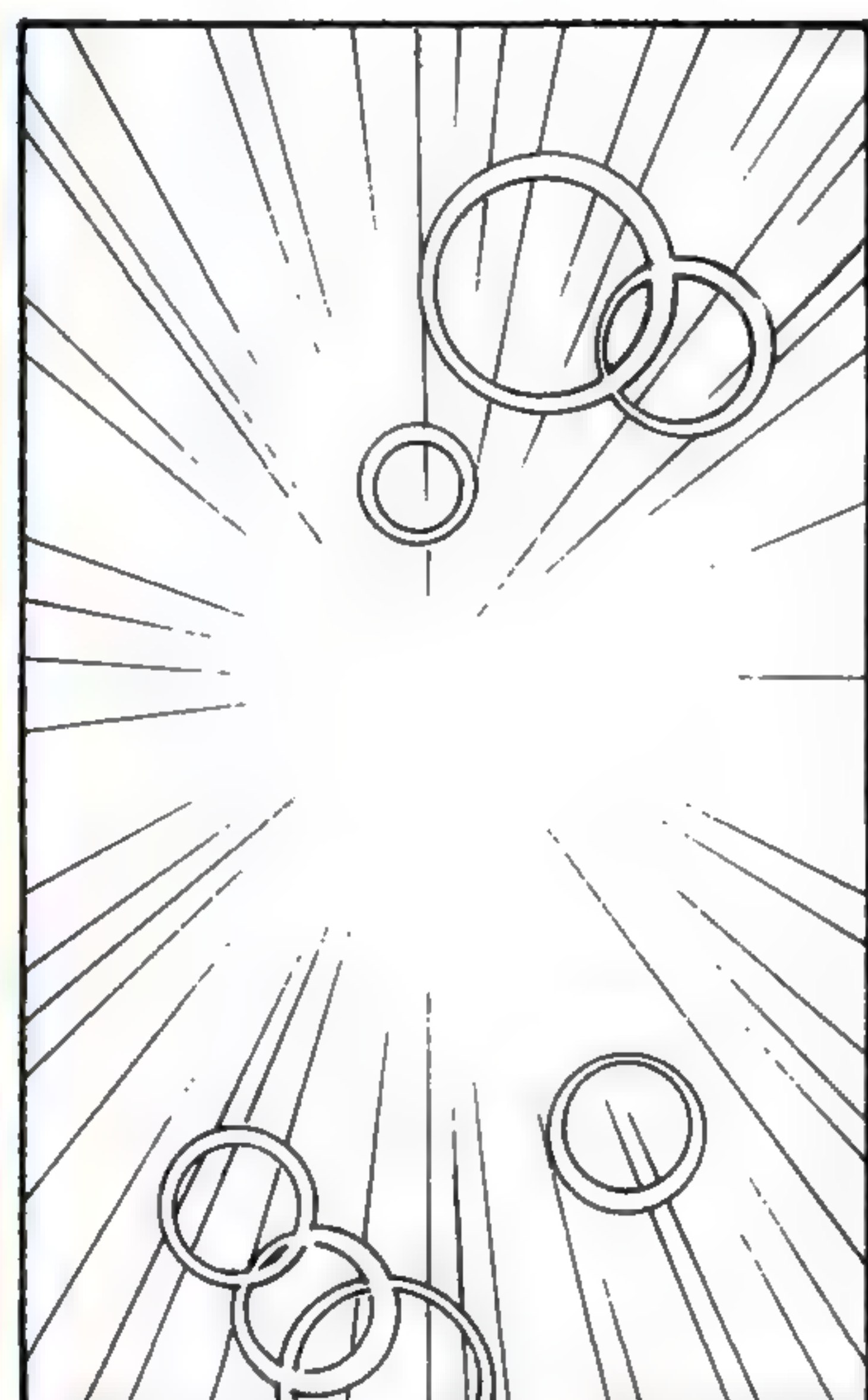
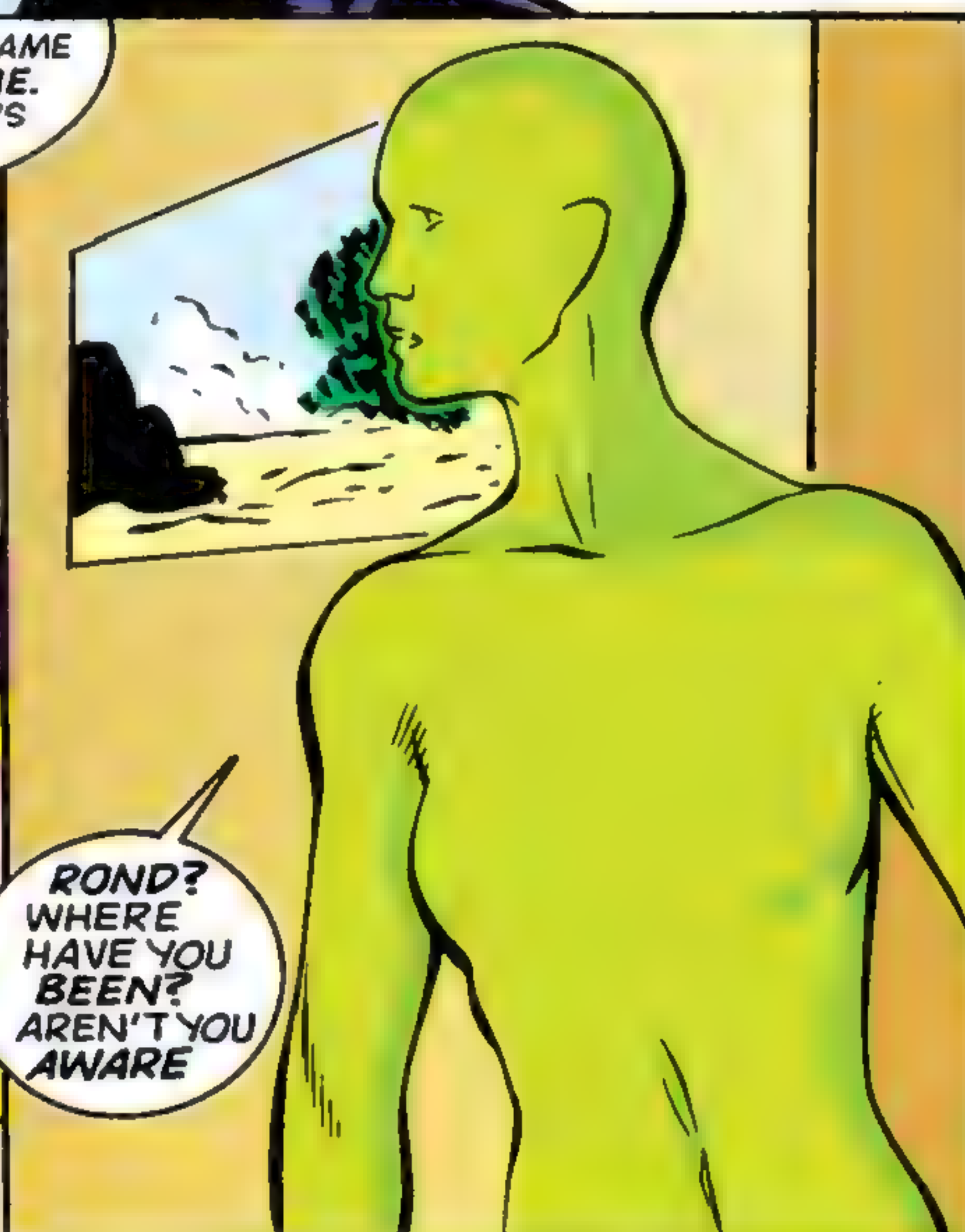
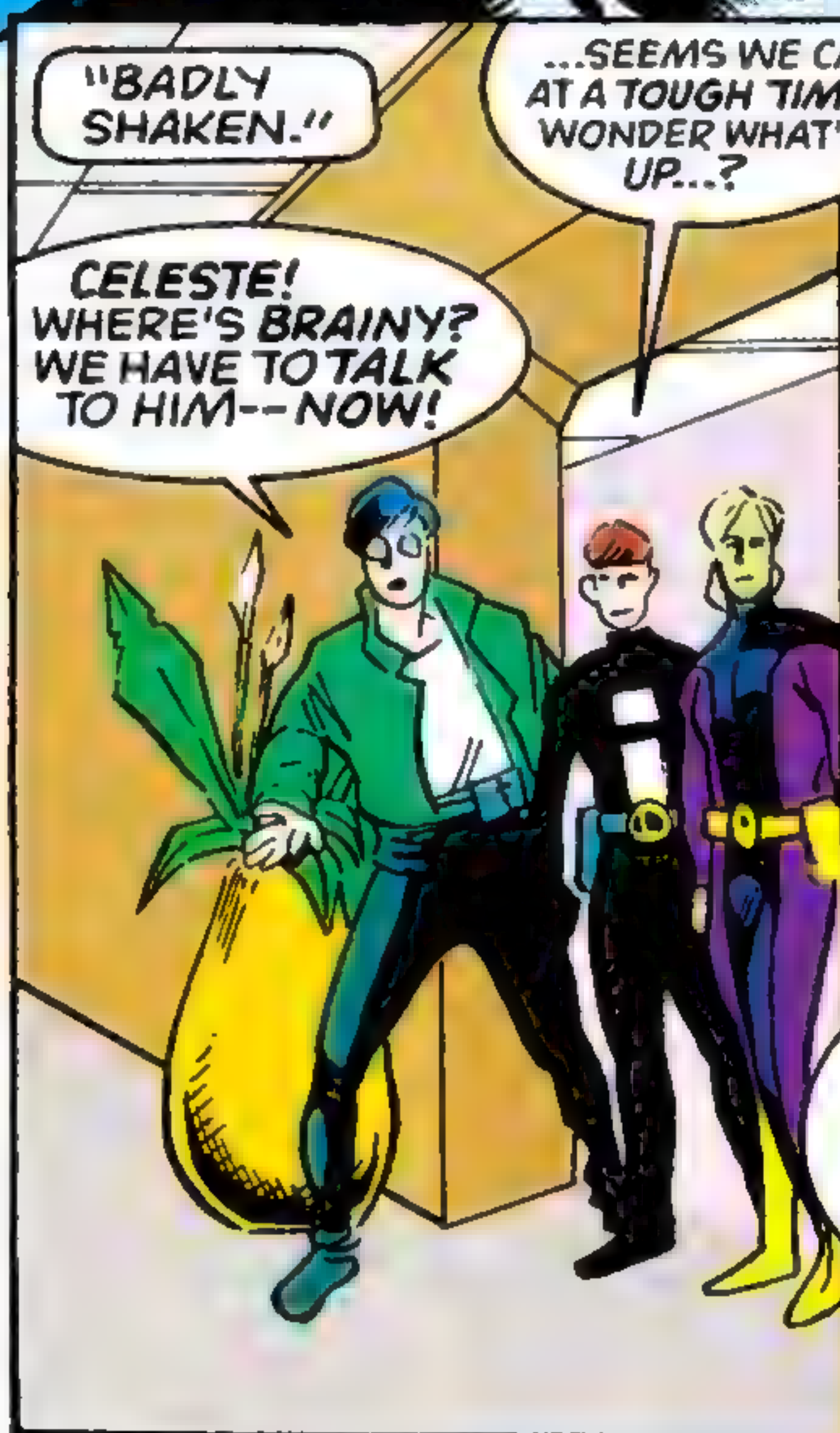
"BUT PAWNSTAR NEEDED  
NO SOUND TO TRACK FOR  
POSSIBLE SURVIVORS.

PAWNSTAR?  
IS THAT YOU?

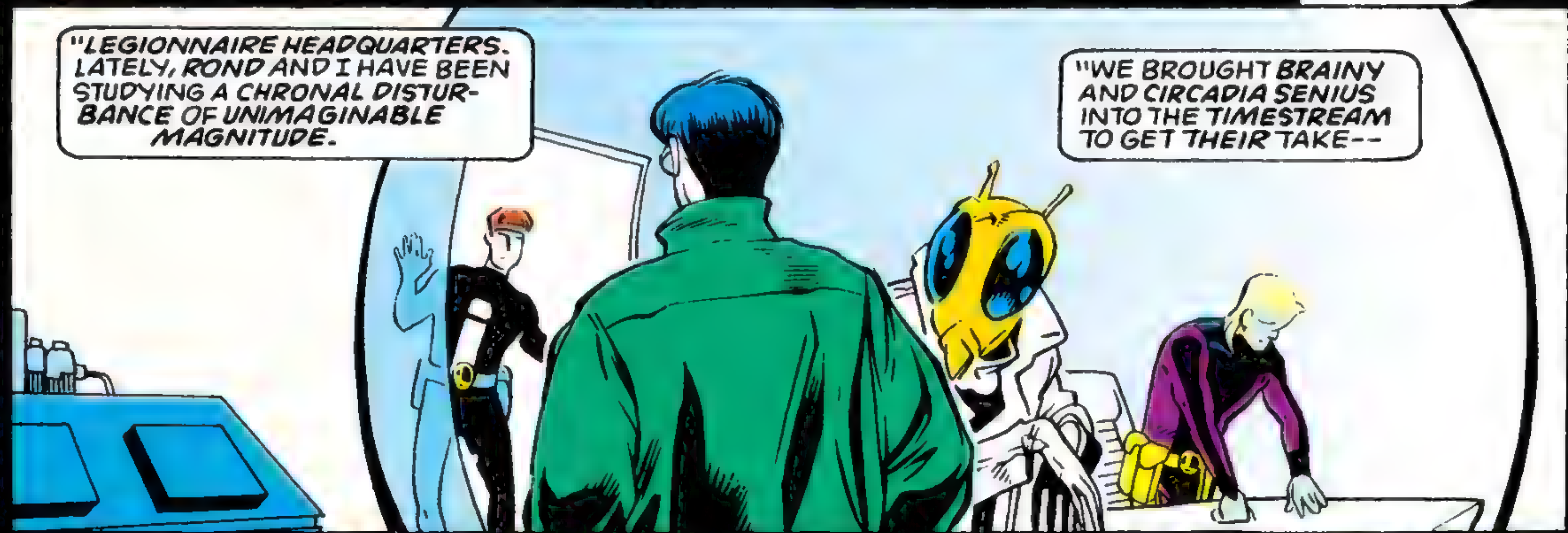
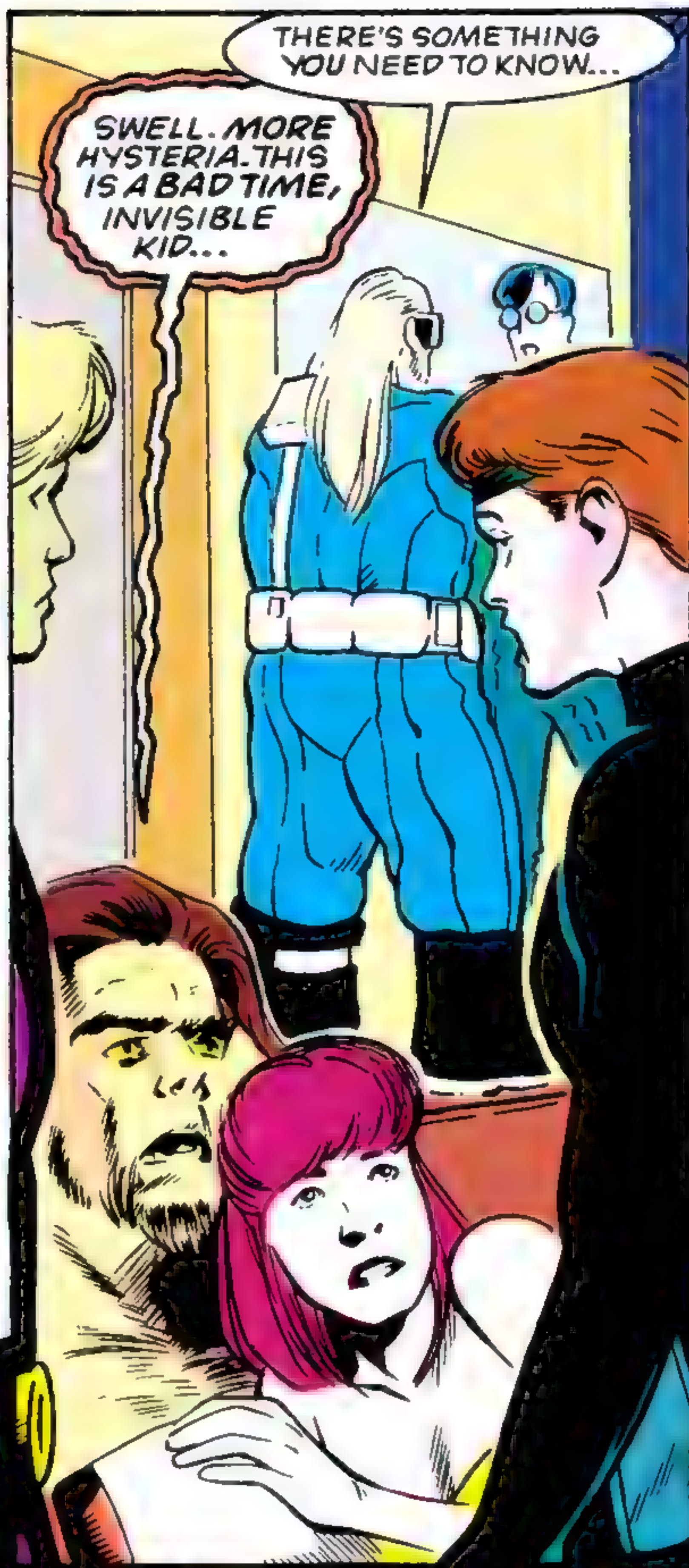
"ALL SHE  
NEEDED...  
WAS THE  
COURAGE  
TO FACE  
WHAT SHE  
FOUND."

PAWNSTAR?  
WHAT IS IT?  
DO YOU SEE  
SOMETHING--?

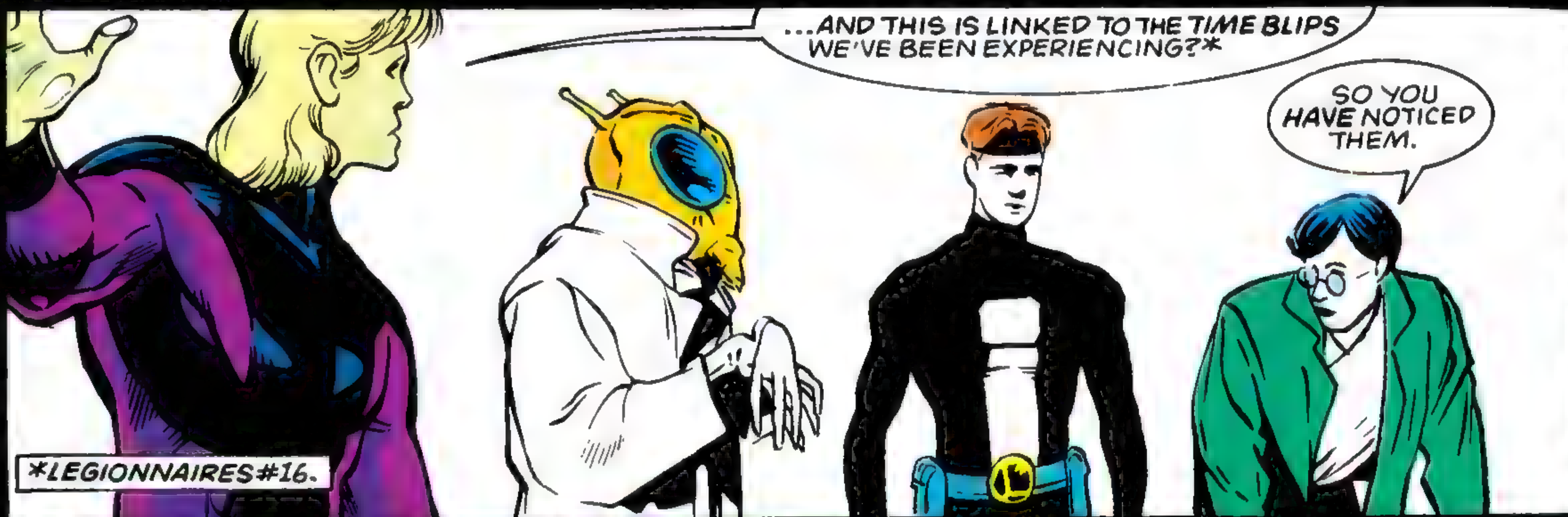












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...AND THIS IS LINKED TO THE TIME BLIPS WE'VE BEEN EXPERIENCING?\*

SO YOU HAVE NOTICED THEM.



BUT WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THEM?

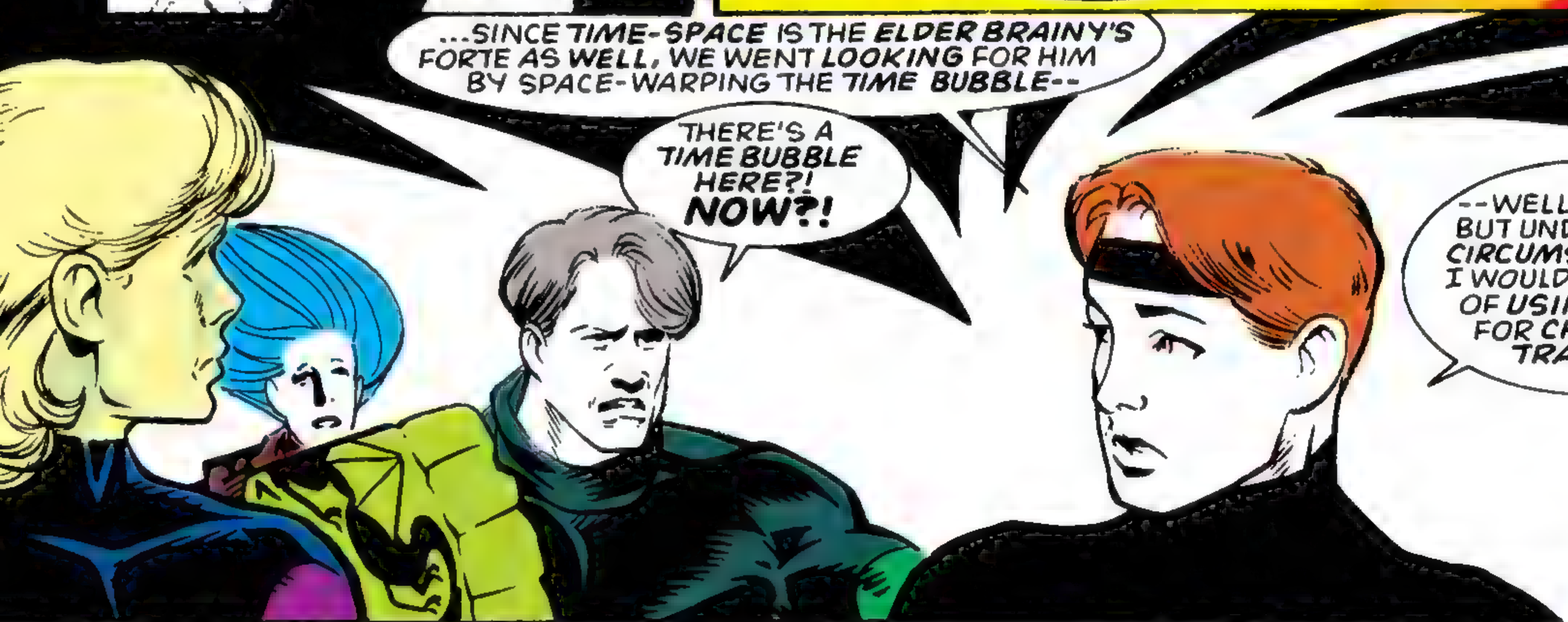
K-K-K-CONSIDER MY IGNORANCE, LYLE! WHAT ARE THE K-K-K-CONSEQUENCES OF THESE DISTURBANCES...?



"QUESTION ASKED... AND ANSWERED."

HE... HE'S GONE...

"PEOPLE CHANGING, PEOPLE VANISHING... HISTORY ITSELF IN JEOPARDY... ALL JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG."



...SINCE TIME-SPACE IS THE ELDER BRAINY'S FORTE AS WELL, WE WENT LOOKING FOR HIM BY SPACE-WARPING THE TIME BUBBLE--

THERE'S A TIME BUBBLE HERE?! NOW?!

--WELL, YES... BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULDN'T DREAM OF USING IT FOR CHRONAL TRAVEL.



NO. OF COURSE NOT. IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL EVER GET TINYA BACK ANYWAY.

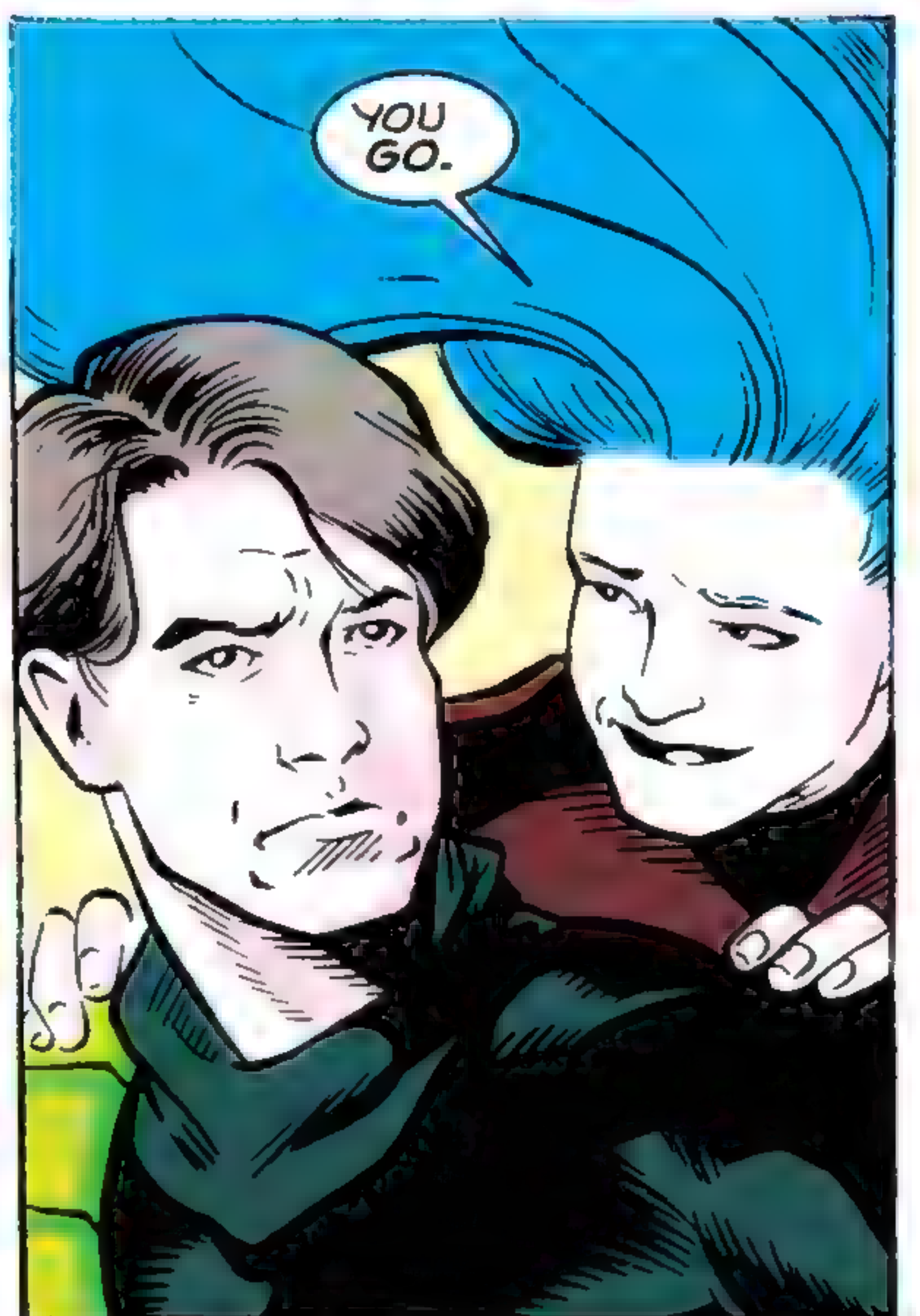
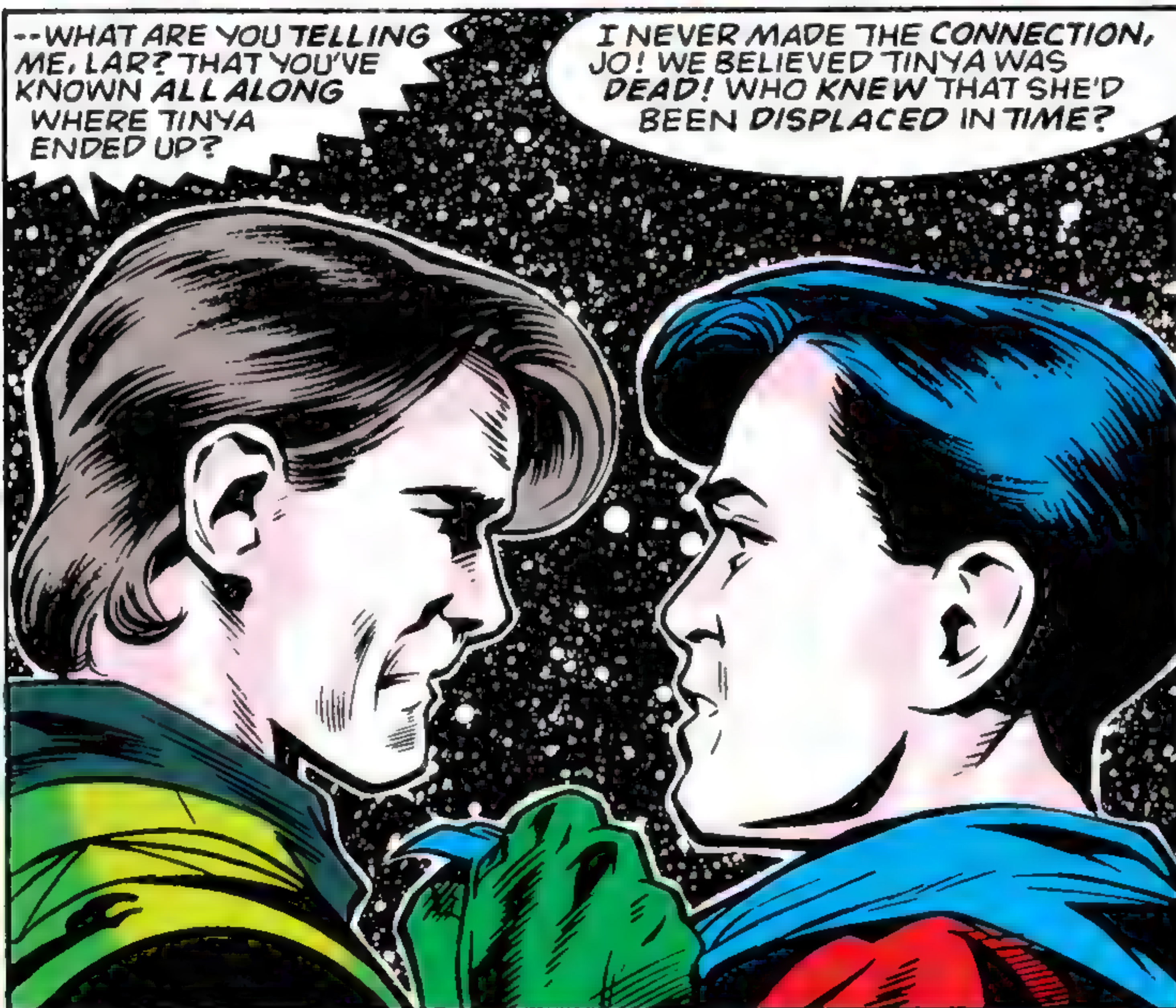
SURE, GLORITH HID HER SOMEPLACE IN TIME--



--BUT DAMN IT--

--I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE!





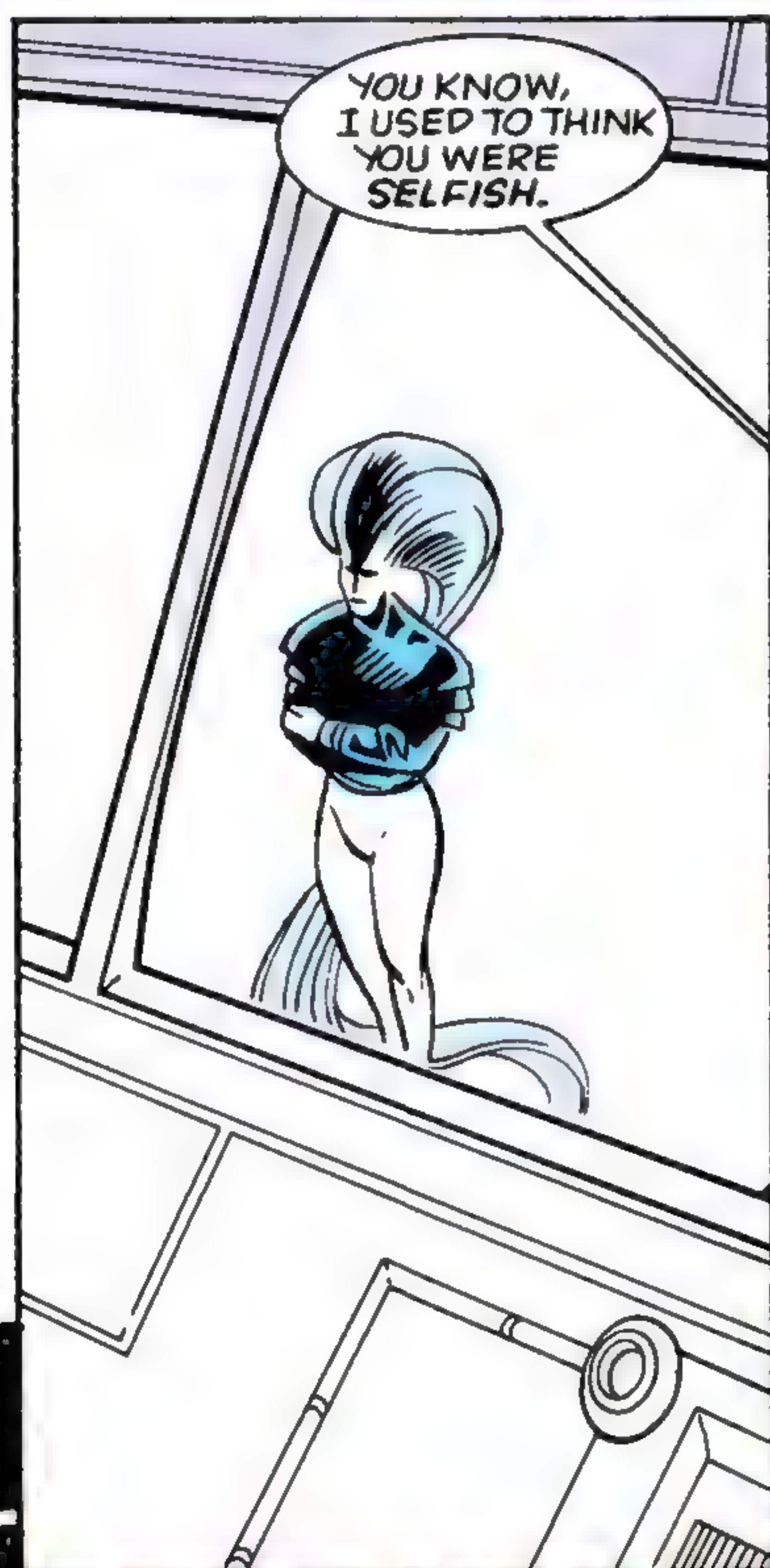




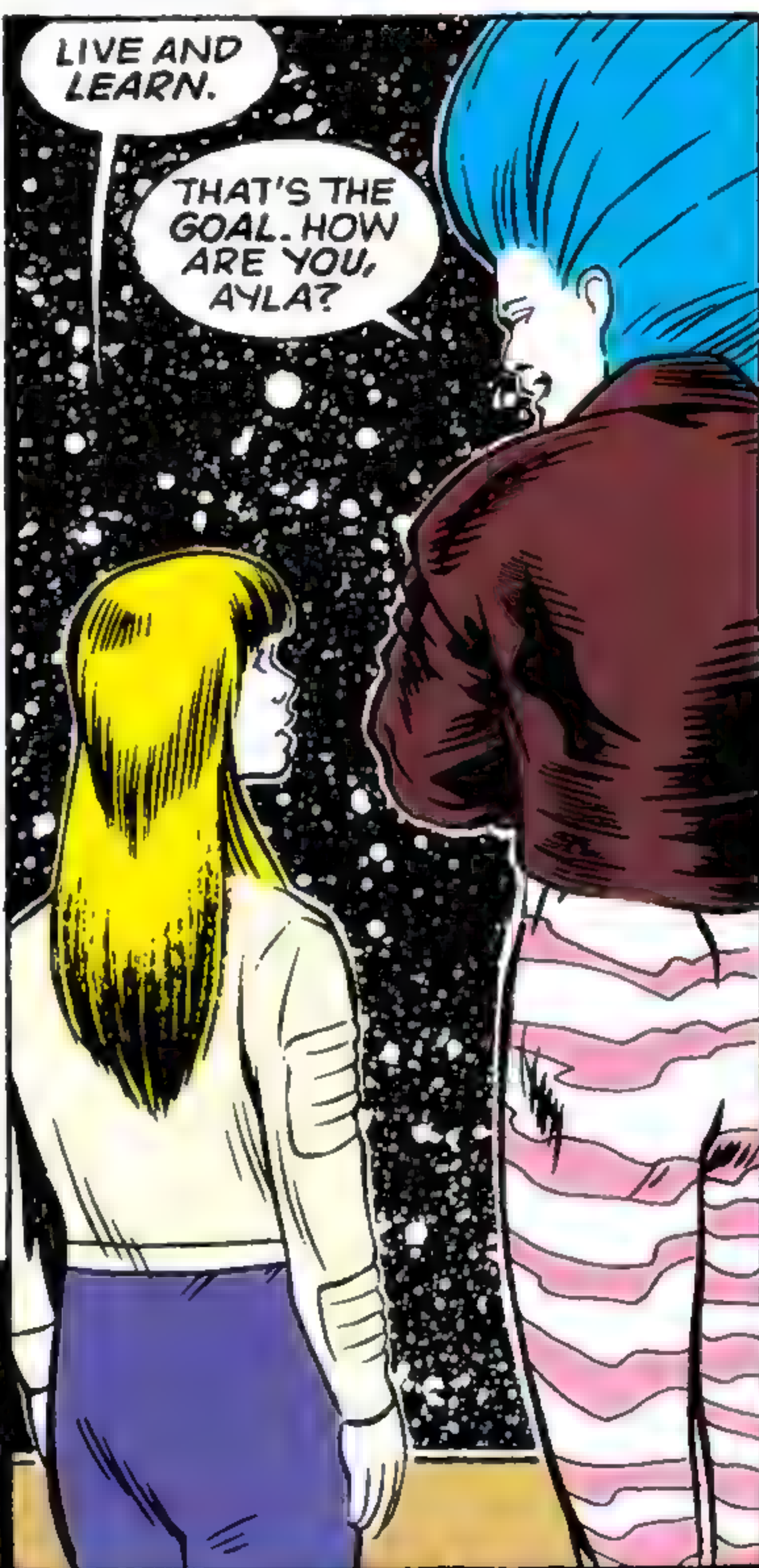
Oh, GOD...  
NO...

YEAH.

GOOD  
LUCK, MY  
FRIEND.



YOU KNOW,  
I USED TO THINK  
YOU WERE  
SELFISH.



LIVE AND  
LEARN.

THAT'S THE  
GOAL. HOW  
ARE YOU,  
AYLA?

NERVOUS.  
SICK.  
UNABLE TO  
THINK ABOUT  
ANYTHING  
BUT VI.



I HAD TO  
CRAWL THROUGH  
MILES OF DUCTS,  
YOU KNOW.



"BUT I FOUND HER... JUST  
AS SHE WAS DISARMING  
THE PRIMARY BOMB."





"WHEN SHE CUT THE LAST WIRE, IT CAUSED AN ENERGY FEEDBACK!"

"AN ELECTRICAL CHARGE ARCED RIGHT THROUGH HER!"

AAAAAA!

ZZZZTTT



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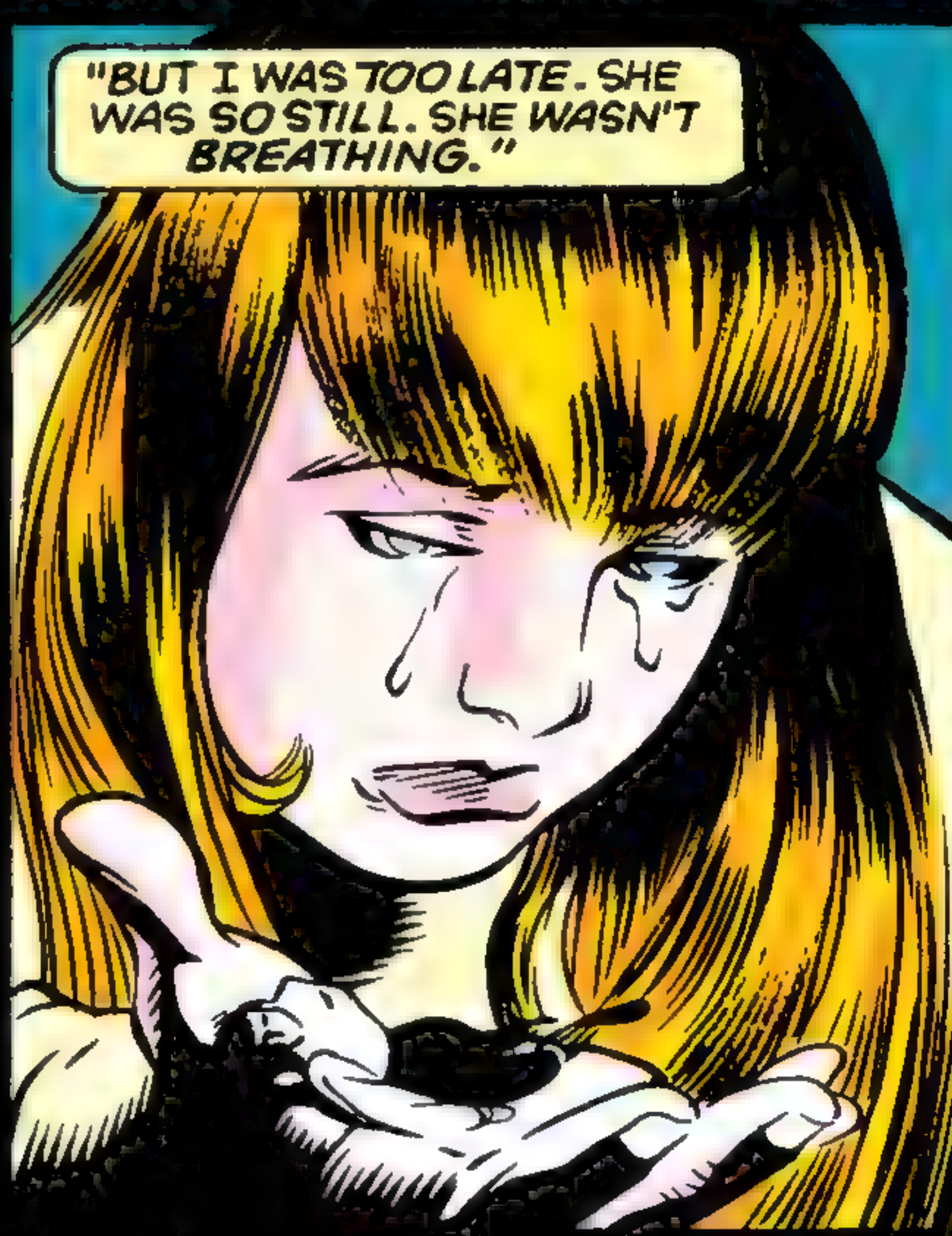
BOOM

"IN THE DISTANCE, I HEARD THE EXPLOSION... BUT IT DIDN'T REGISTER AT THE TIME."

"THE ONLY THOUGHT IN MY HEAD WAS TO ABSORB THE CHARGE."



ZZZZTTT



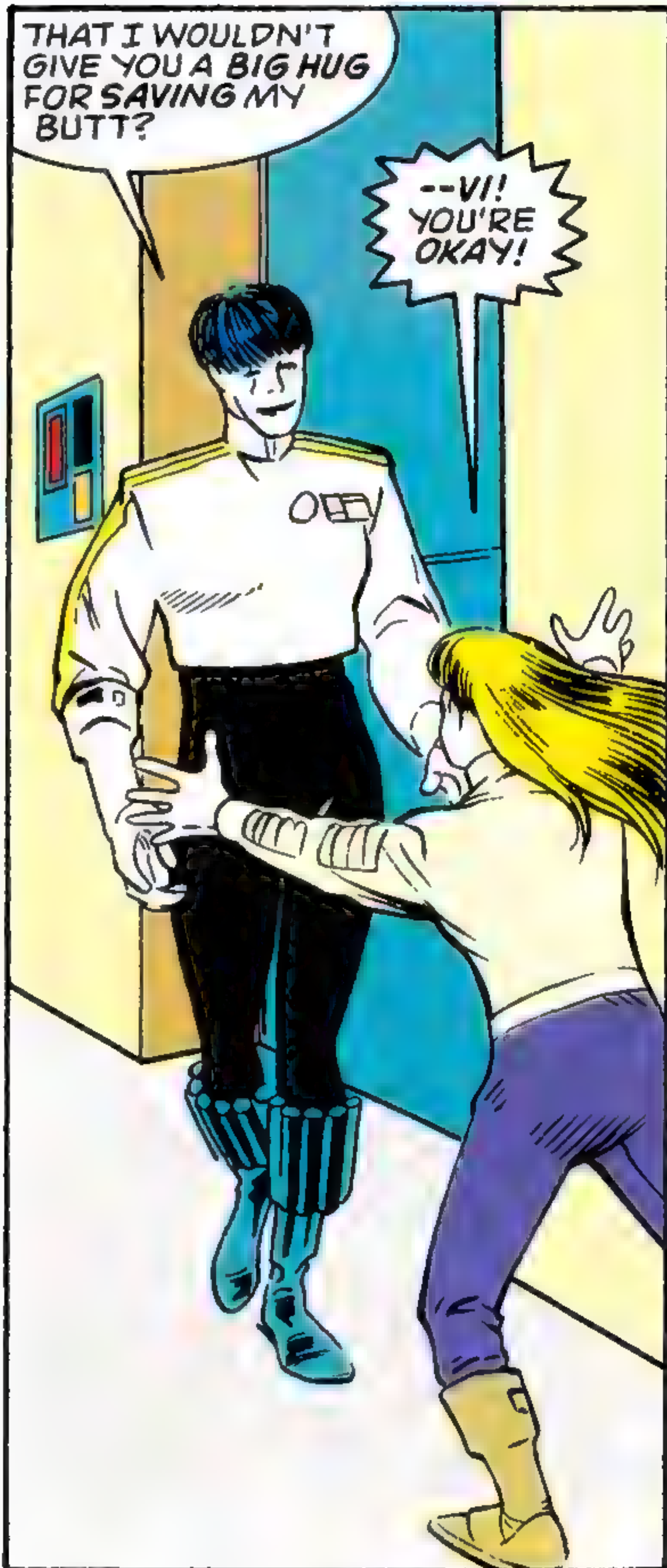
"BUT I WAS TOO LATE. SHE WAS SO STILL. SHE WASN'T BREATHING."



I...I KNEW THEN THAT--

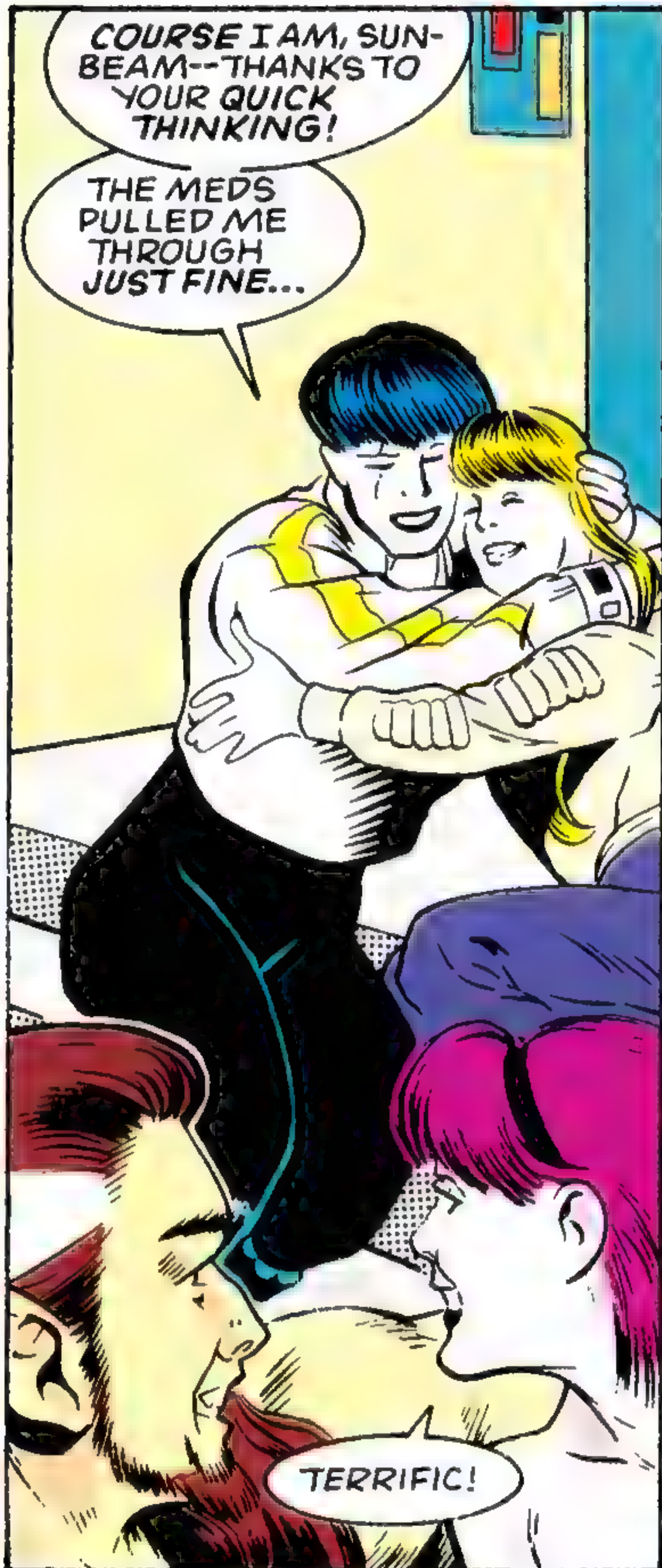
THAT WHAT?





THAT I WOULDN'T  
GIVE YOU A BIG HUG  
FOR SAVING MY  
BUTT?

--VI!  
YOU'RE  
OKAY!



COURSE I AM, SUN-  
BEAM--THANKS TO  
YOUR QUICK  
THINKING!

THE MEDS  
PULLED ME  
THROUGH  
JUST FINE...

TERRIFIC!



GUESS THINGS ARE  
GETTING A LITTLE BRIGHTER  
AROUND HERE... AREN'T  
THEY, FUZZY?

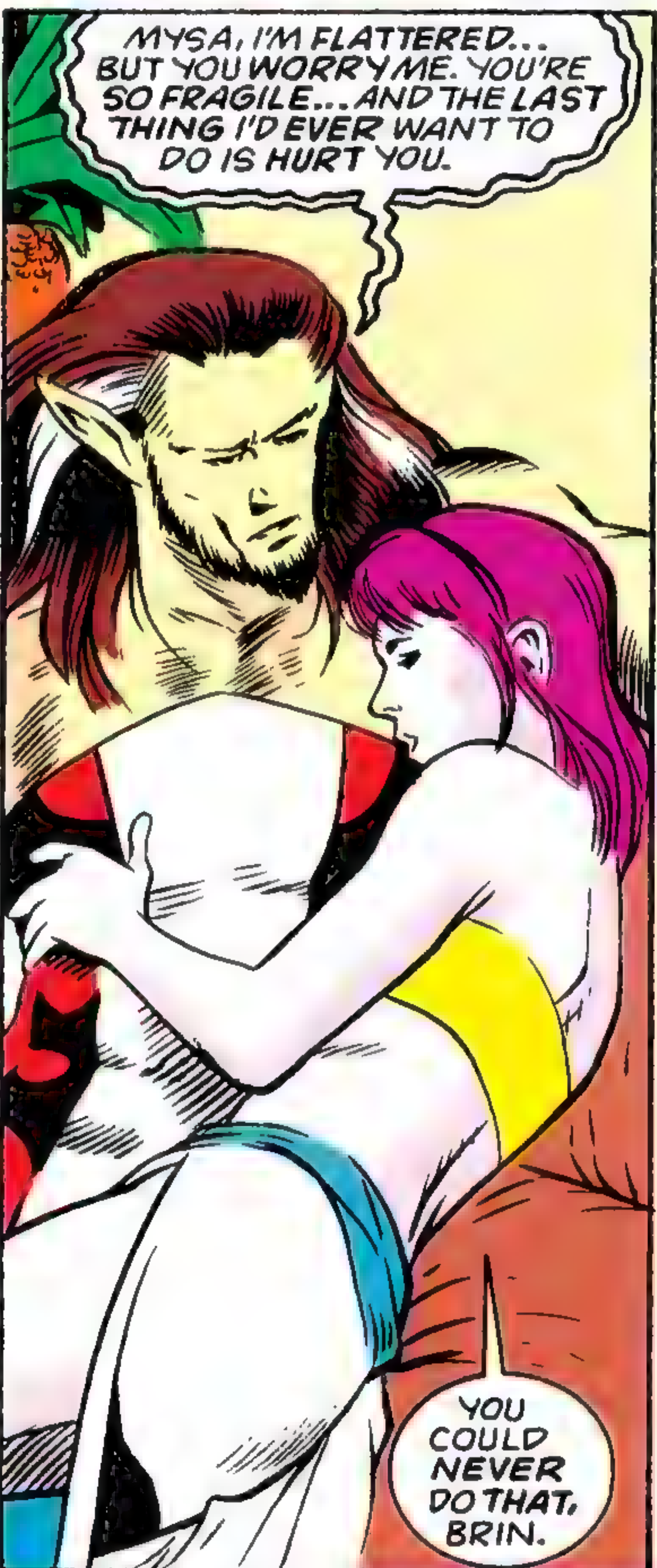
WHOA.  
SLOW  
IT DOWN,  
MYSA.



WHY? I SPENT MY ENTIRE  
LIFE DEDICATED SOLELY TO  
MY MAGICKS. I TRADED  
COMPANIONSHIP FOR  
KNOWLEDGE.

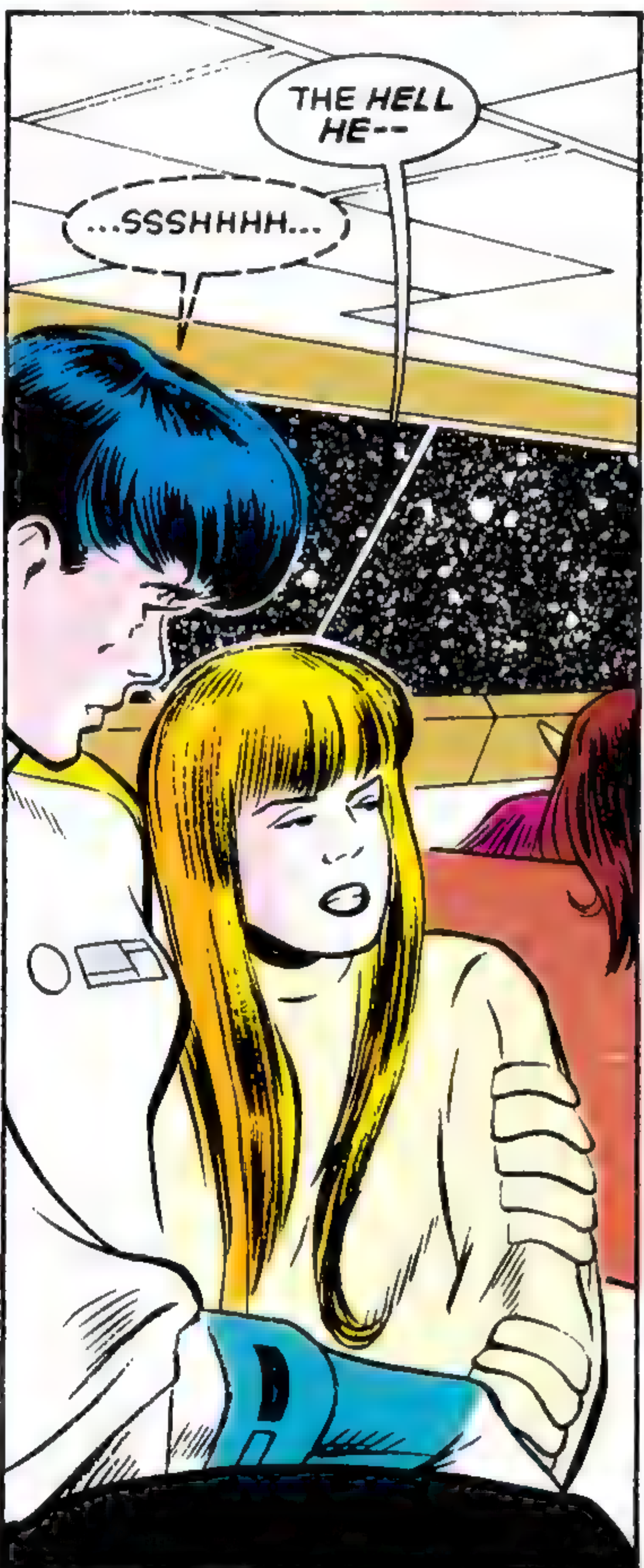
NOW THAT GLORITH'S  
GIVEN ME BACK MY  
YOUTH, I'M FREE TO  
EXPLORE... OTHER  
AREAS OF LIVING.

WITH  
YOU.



MYSA, I'M FLATTERED...  
BUT YOU WORRY ME. YOU'RE  
SO FRAGILE... AND THE LAST  
THING I'D EVER WANT TO  
DO IS HURT YOU.

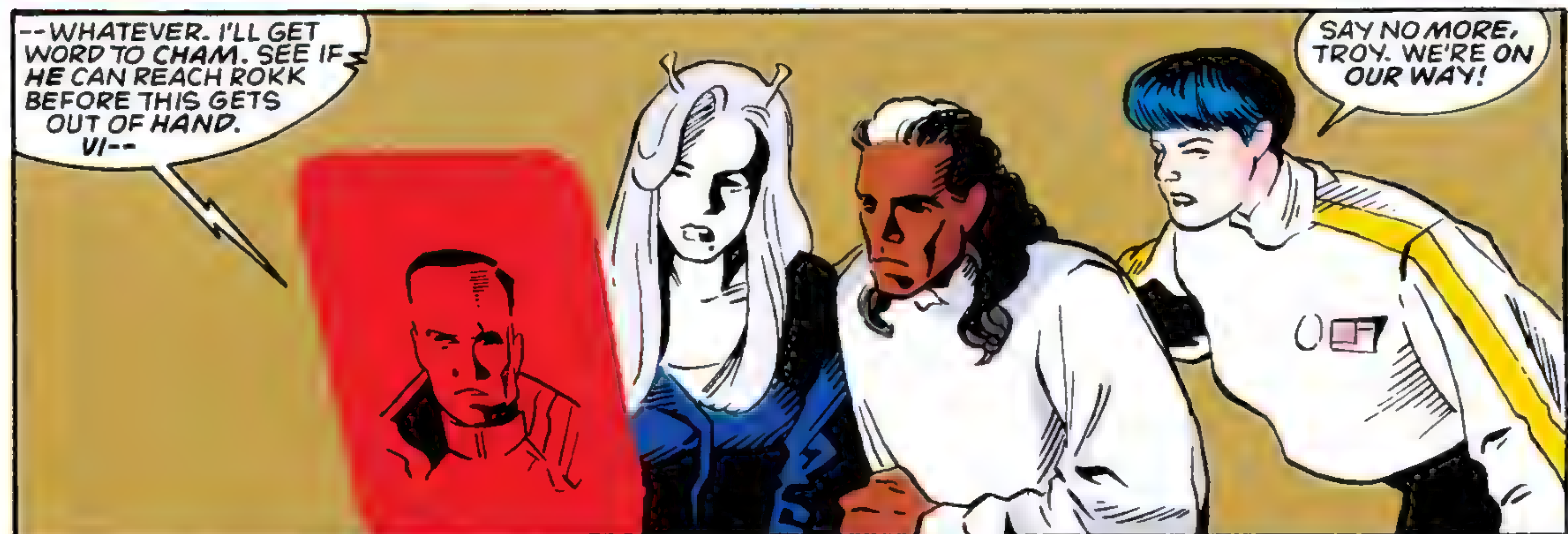
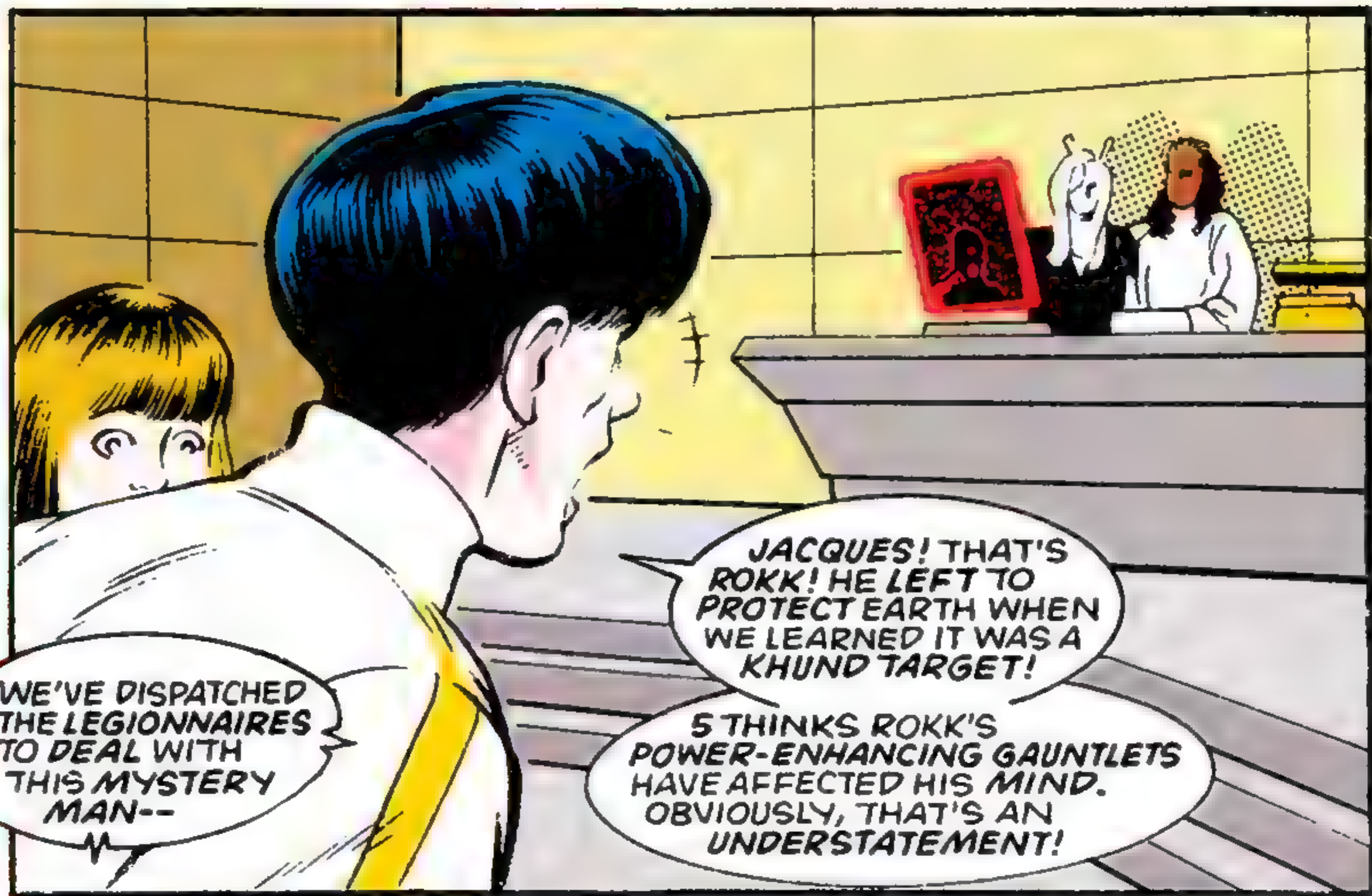
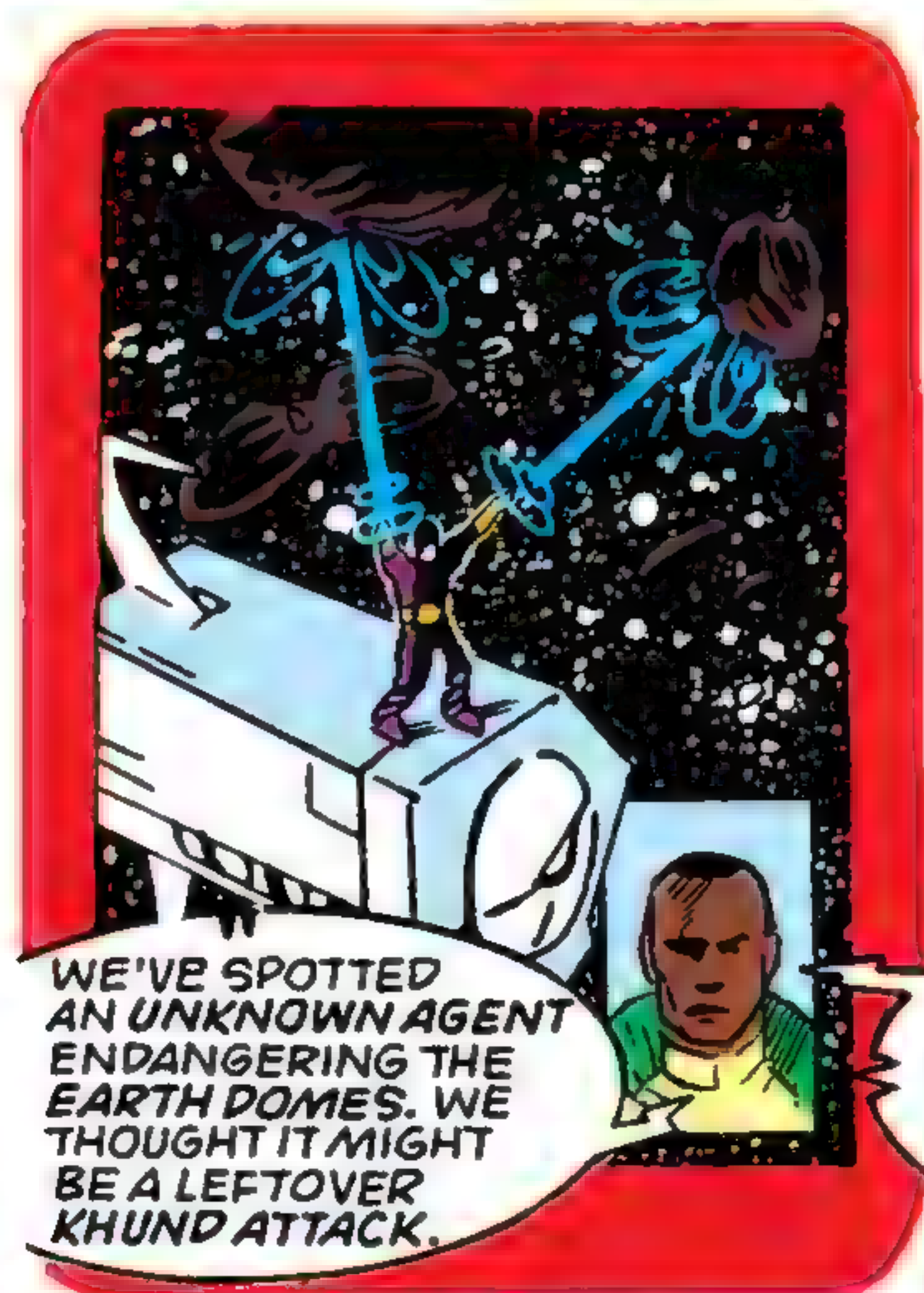
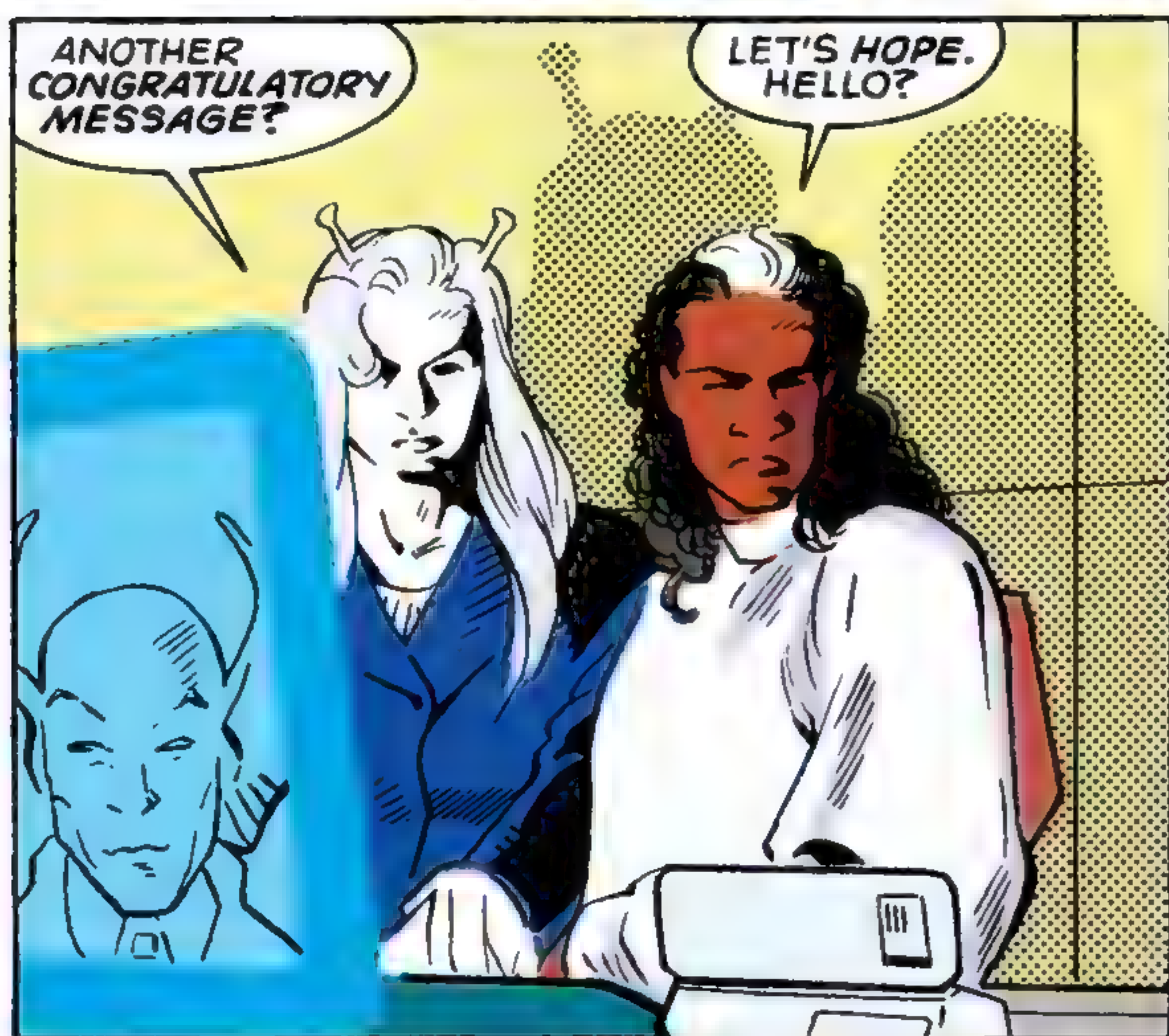
YOU  
COULD  
NEVER  
DO THAT,  
BRIN.



THE HELL  
HE--

...SSSHHHH...









LISTEN UP, PEOPLE! THIS CRISIS IS OVER, BUT A NEW ONE'S TAKEN ITS PLACE!

VI...

WE'RE SETTING A COURSE FOR NEW EARTH--PRONTO! DAWNY, FIND JO! WHERE'S LAUREL?

...VI...

WHY ARE YOU ALL JUST STARING AT ME? WE'VE--



VI, STOP! YOU DON'T KNOW?

--KNOW WHAT?



ABOUT LAUREL! WHILE I WAS SAVING YOU--LAUREL TOOK THE BOMB-BLAST HEAD-ON!

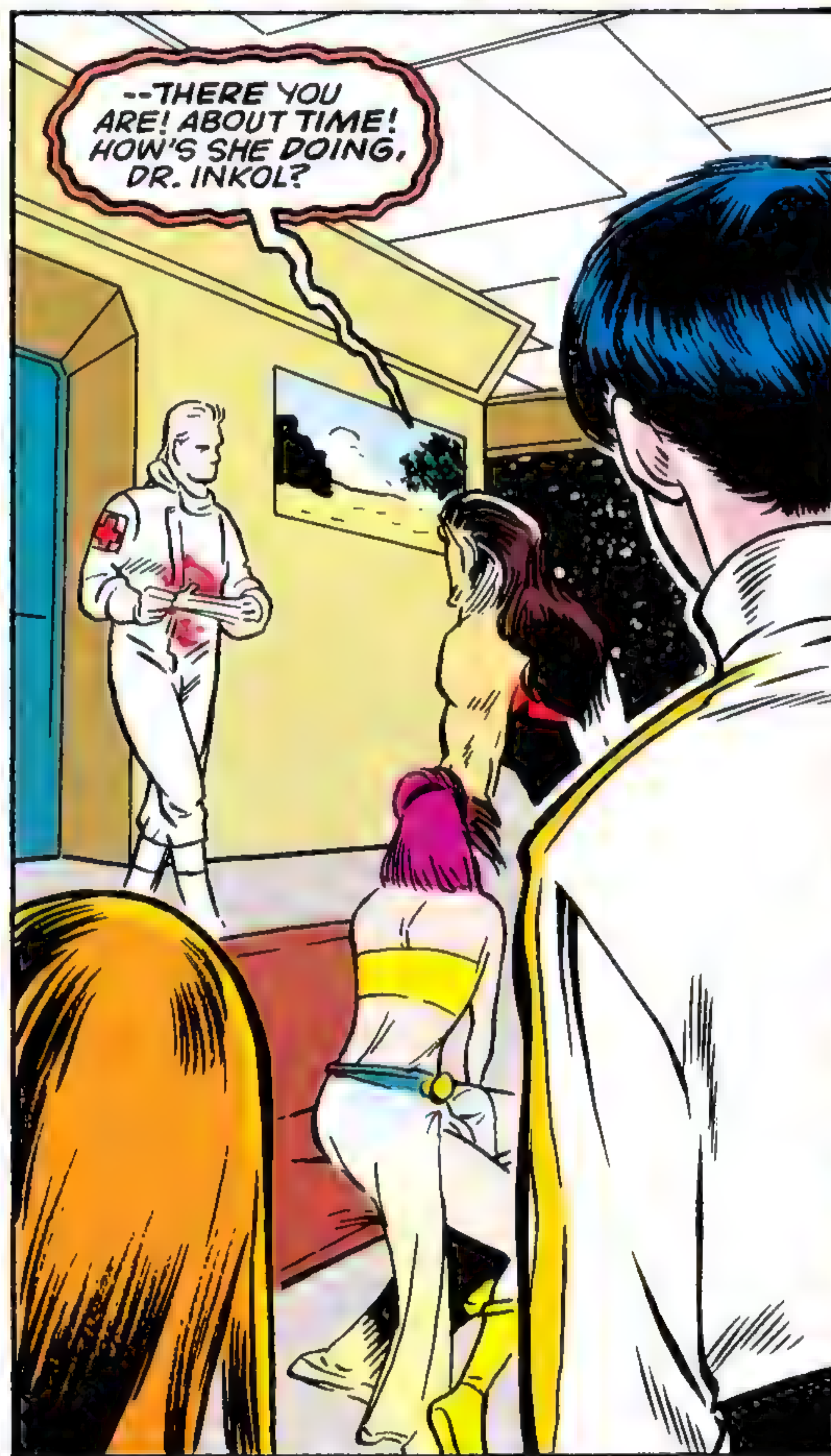
THEY'RE OPERATING ON HER RIGHT NOW. WE WEREN'T JUST WAITING FOR YOU, VI.

WE'RE PRAYING FOR HER.



HOW... HOW BAD...?

BAD.



--THERE YOU ARE! ABOUT TIME! HOW'S SHE DOING, DR. INKOL?



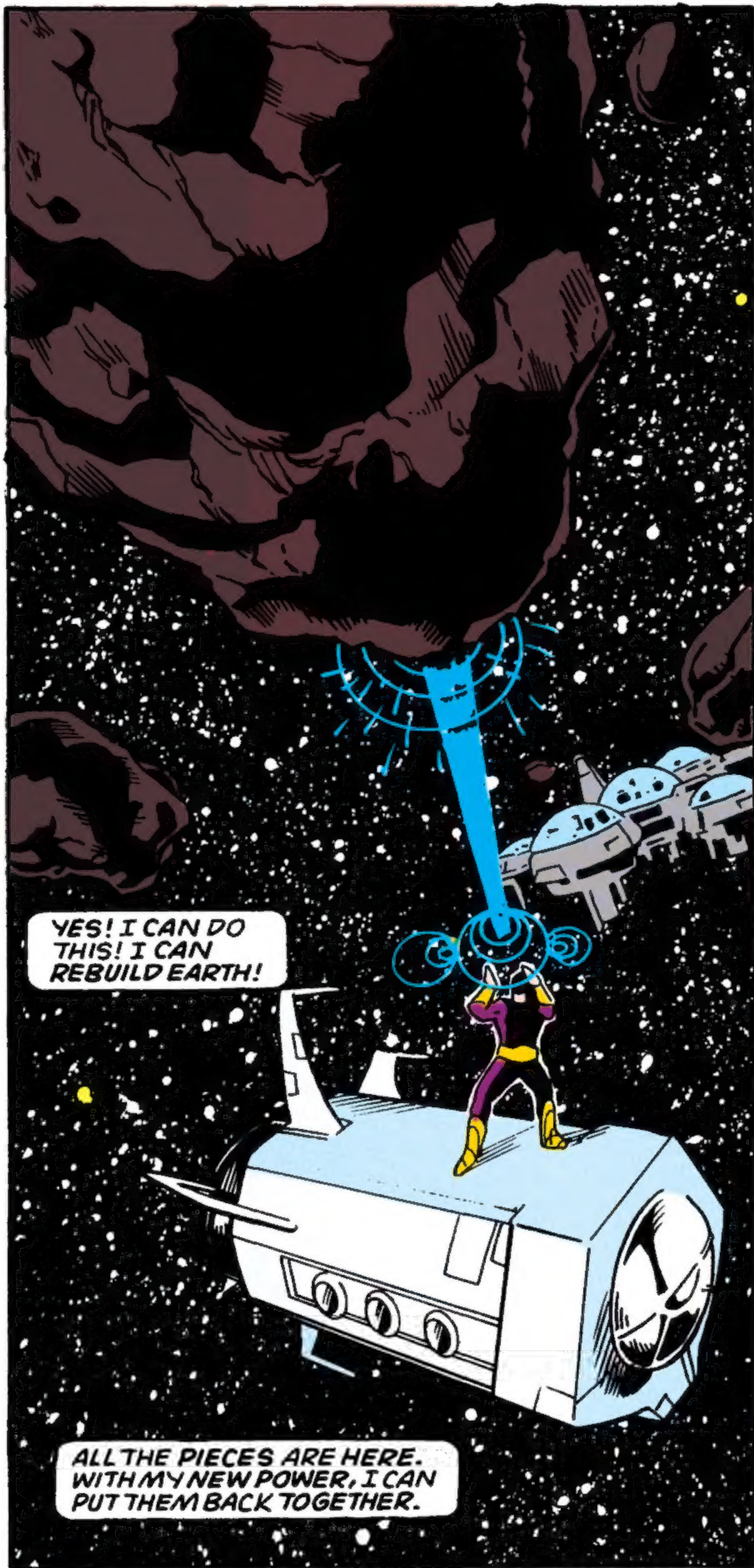
TO HER CREDIT, SHE PUT UP QUITE A FIGHT. SHE REALLY DID.

BUT THERE WERE... COMPLICATIONS, AND... SHE...







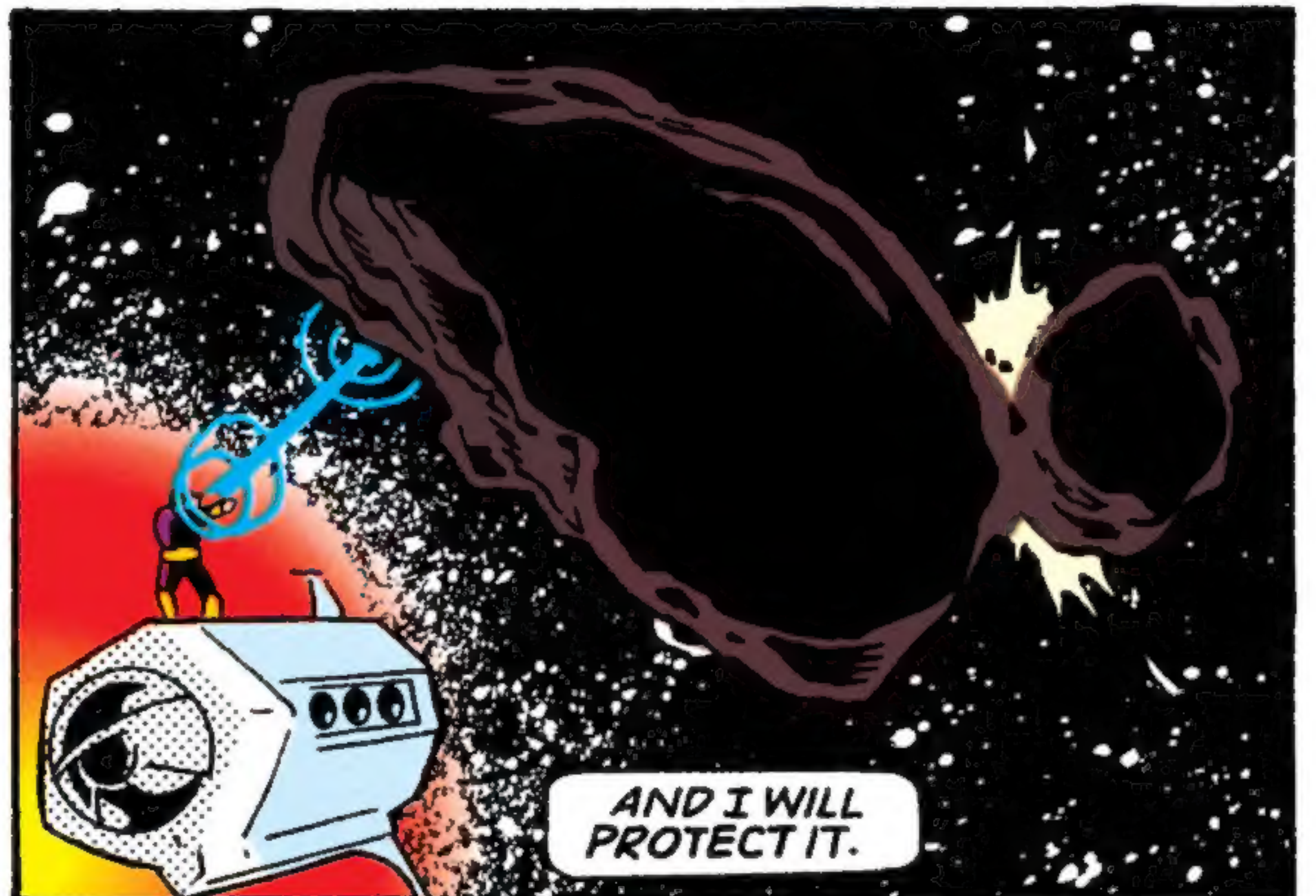


YES! I CAN DO THIS! I CAN REBUILD EARTH!

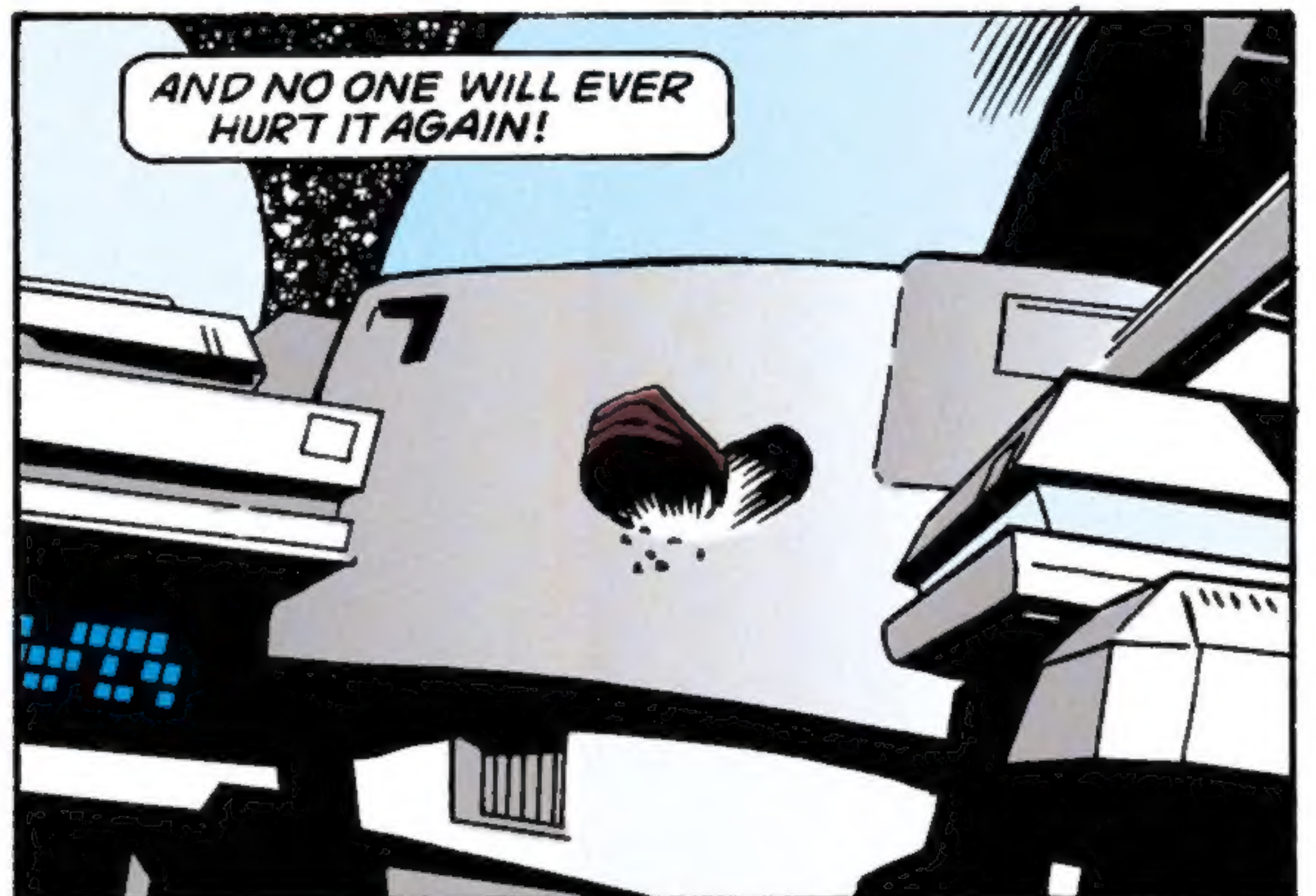
ALL THE PIECES ARE HERE. WITH MY NEW POWER, I CAN PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER.



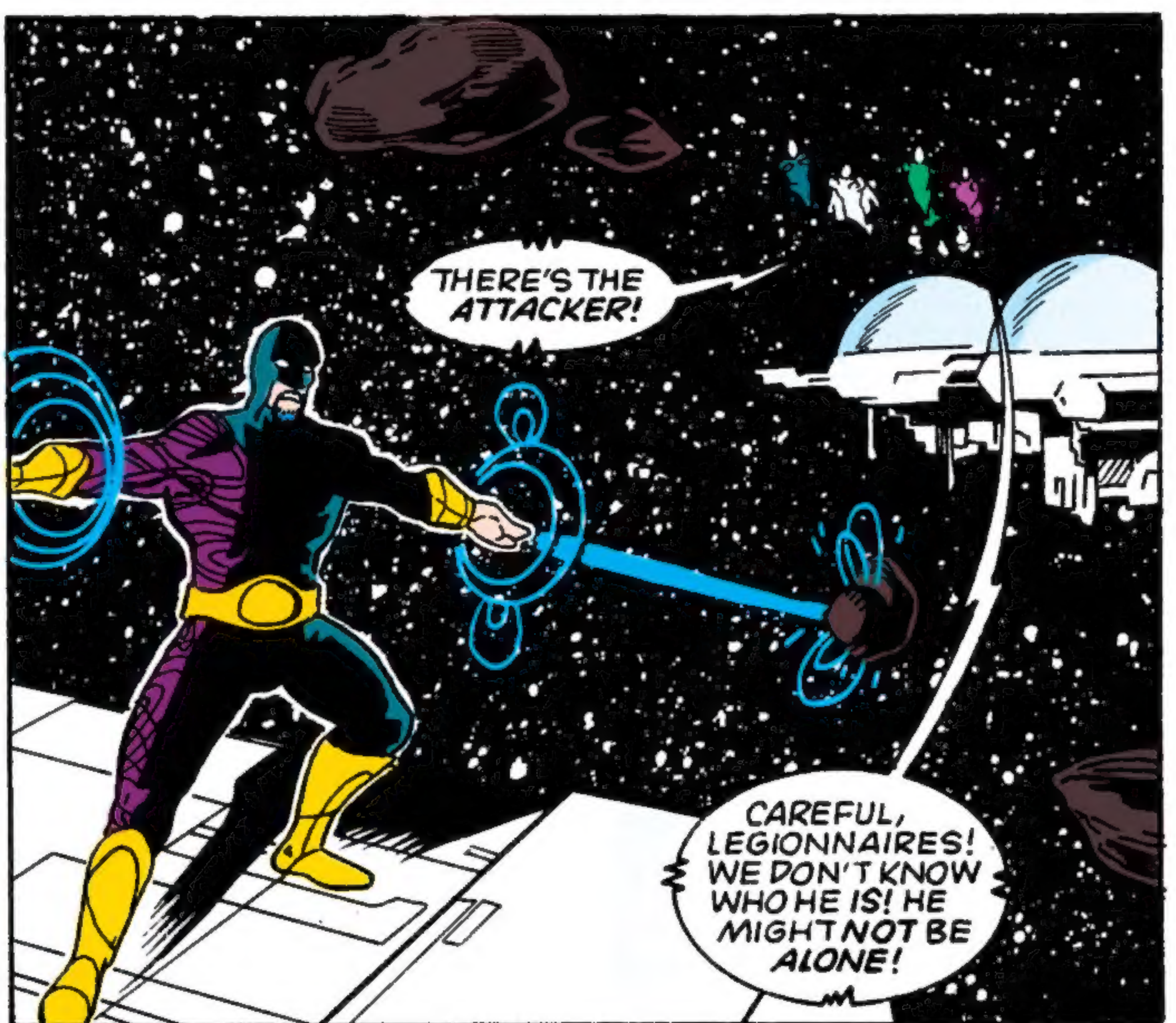
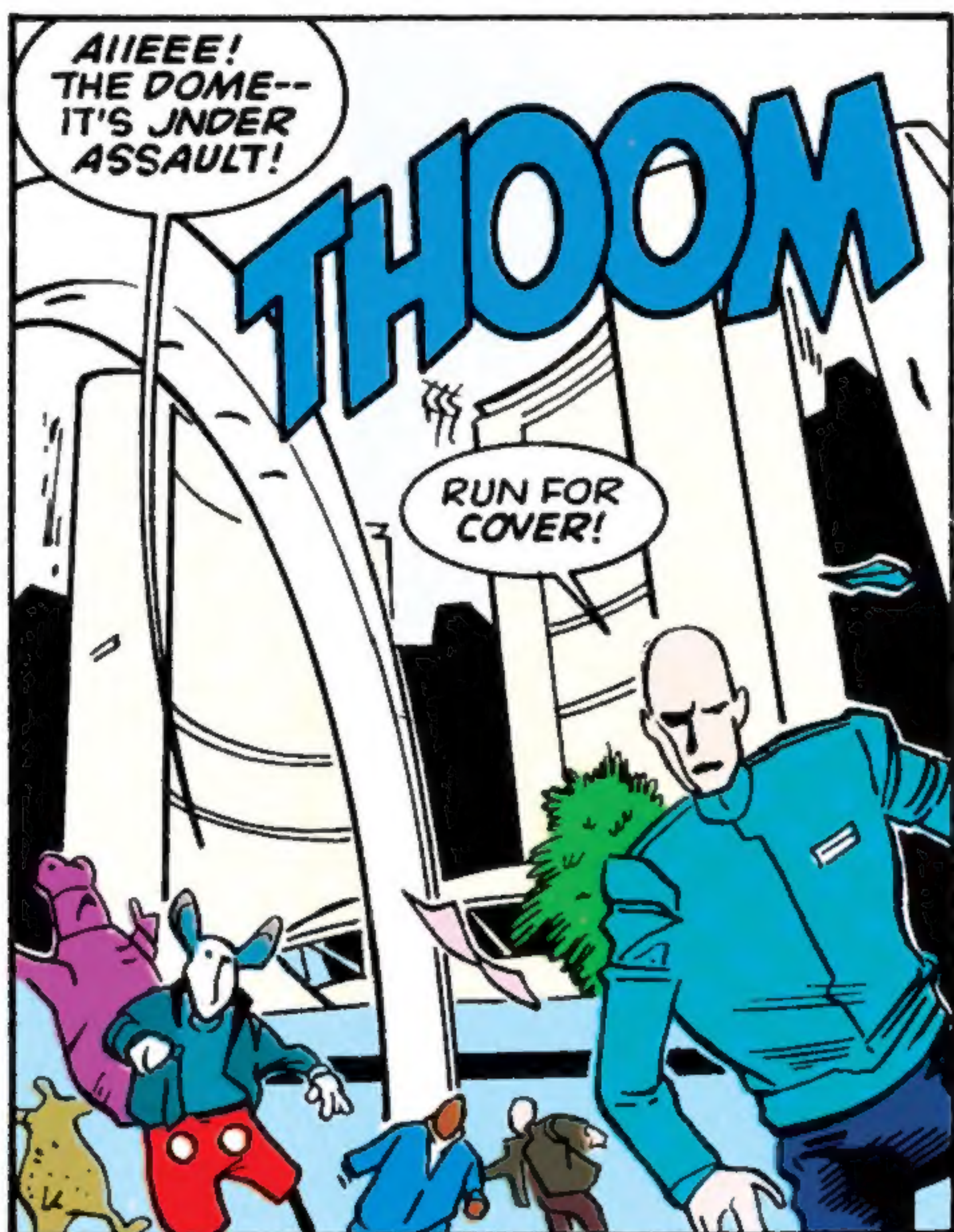
THEN EARTH WILL BE WHOLE.



AND I WILL PROTECT IT.



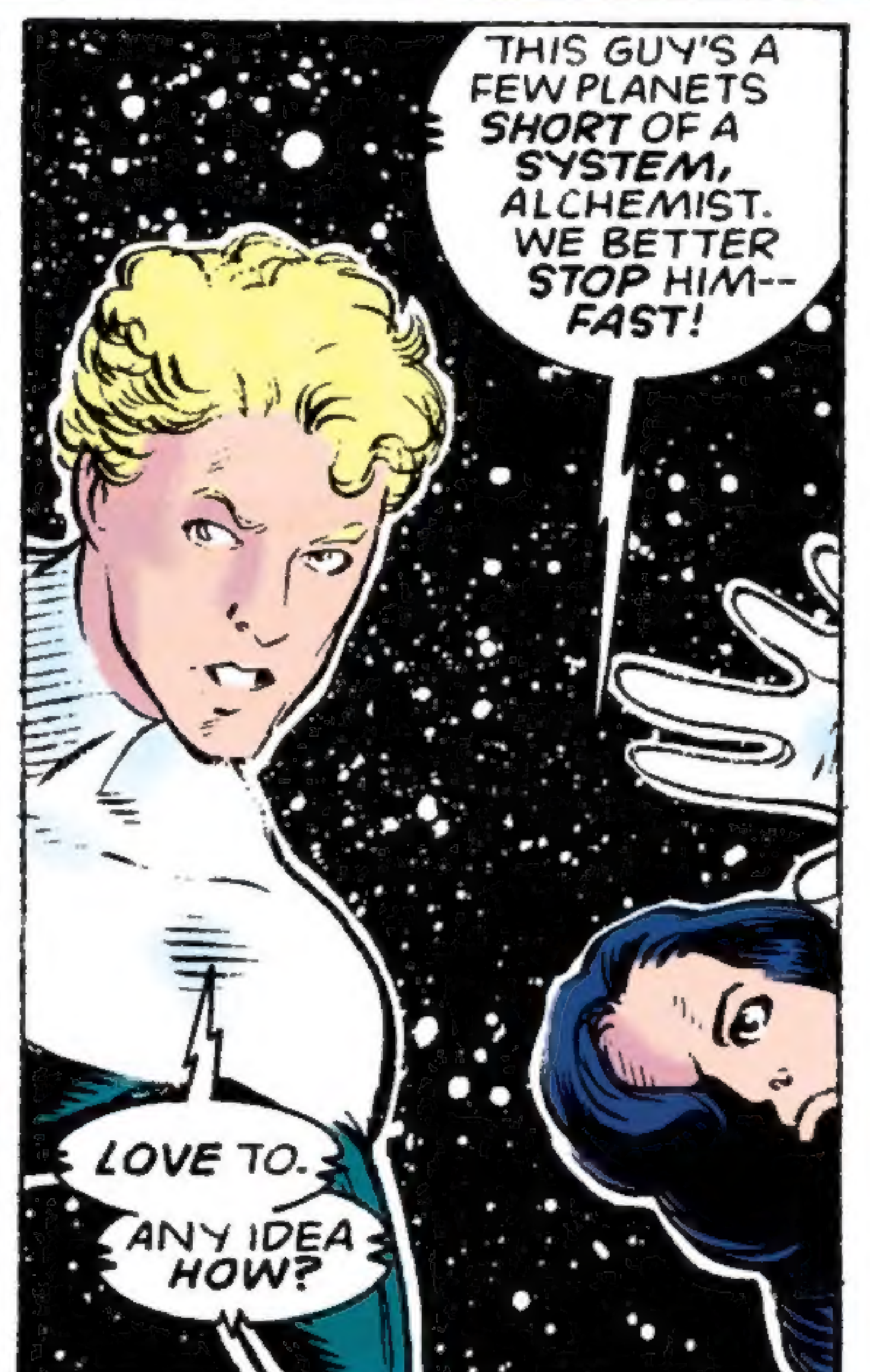
AND NO ONE WILL EVER HURT IT AGAIN!



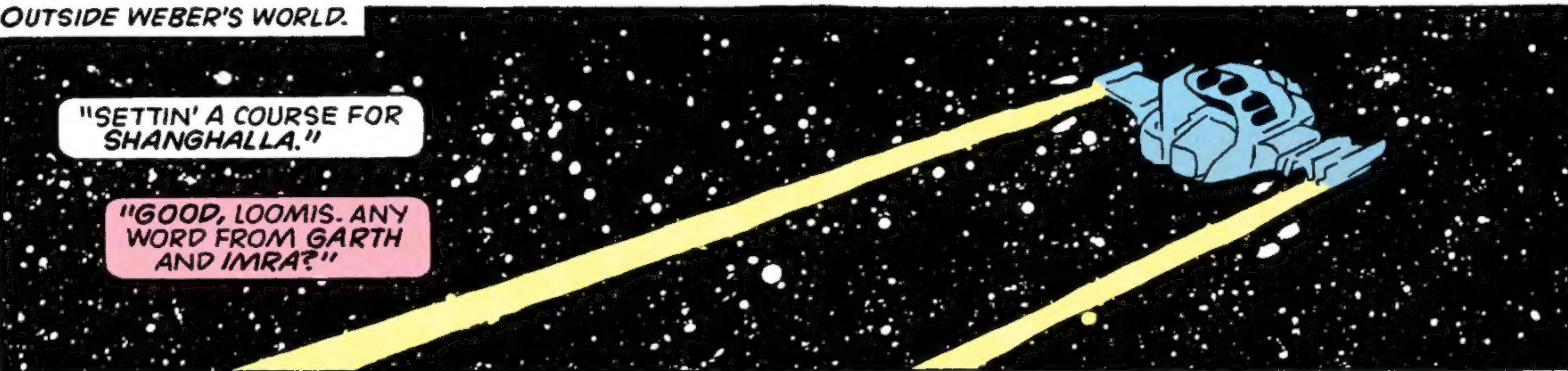
THERE'S THE ATTACKER!

CAREFUL, LEGIONNAIRES! WE DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS! HE MIGHT NOT BE ALONE!



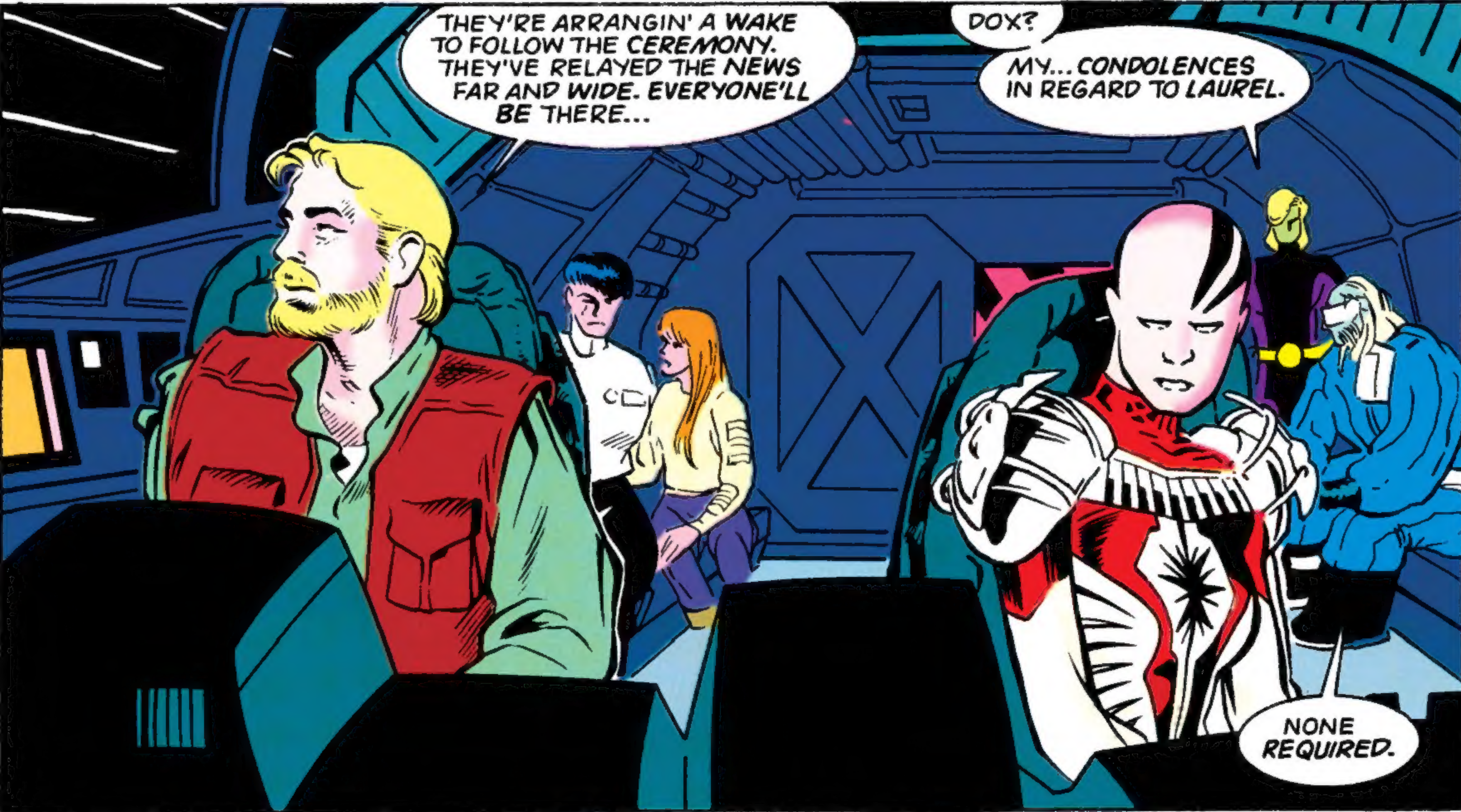






"SETTIN' A COURSE FOR SHANGHALLA."

"GOOD, LOOMIS. ANY WORD FROM GARTH AND IMRA?"



THEY'RE ARRANGIN' A WAKE TO FOLLOW THE CEREMONY. THEY'VE RELAYED THE NEWS FAR AND WIDE. EVERYONE'LL BE THERE...

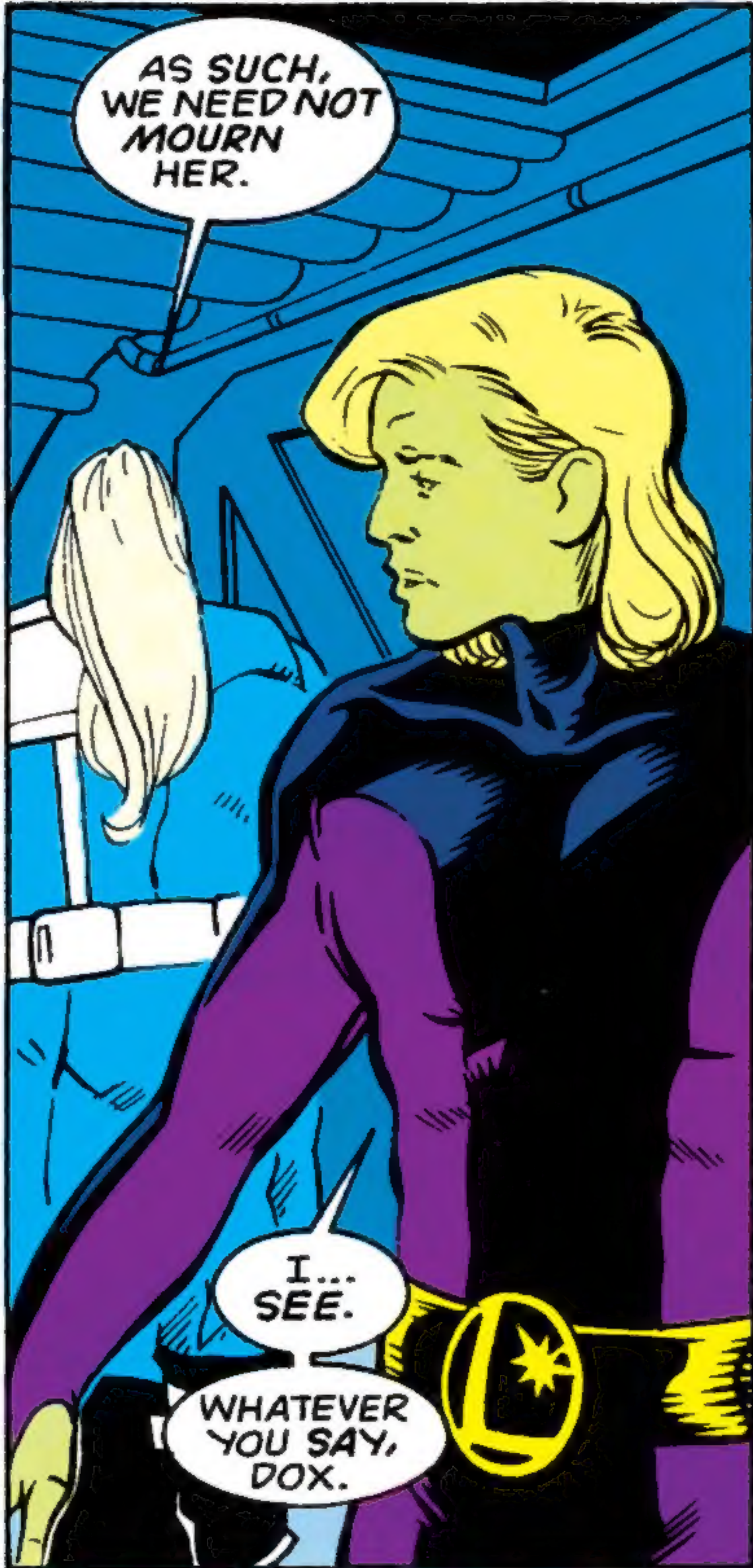
DOX?  
MY... CONDOLENCES IN REGARD TO LAUREL.

NONE REQUIRED.



SHE HAS ENTERED INTO A NEW CYCLE OF KNOWLEDGE. HER CONSCIOUSNESS HAS PASSED ON TO A HIGHER PLANE.

WHEREVER SHE MAY BE, SHE WILL FIND NEW INFORMATION TO BE GATHERED... NEW HORIZONS TO EXPLORE.



AS SUCH, WE NEED NOT MOURN HER.

I... SEE.  
WHATEVER YOU SAY, DOX.



WHATEVER YOU SAY.

**NEXT: END OF AN ERA!**